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Bill threat prompts work on unkempt roundabout

THE unkempt Mile End roundabout at Oswestry is to be tidied up after a volunteer group threatened to take on the task itself and bill Highways England for the work.

Contractors for the road agency are not only to work on the island but will meet members of Oswestry Tourism Volunteer Group to see how members can help keep it looking

good in the future. The group says the dishevelled roundabout, with long grass, thistles and litter, is hampering tourism, the economy and the reputation of the town.

It wrote to Highways England last week, complaining about not only Mile End but other roundabouts along the A5/A483 Oswestry bypass.

One of the members, British Iron-

work Centre chairman Clive Knowles, said the town was economically dependent on attracting visitors into the centre. The letter to Highways England said: "We are giving you warning that community action will be taken should you fail to maintain this island."

"An A-road certified contractor will be appointed, funded initially by the

volunteers themselves and thereafter reclaimed from you."

It urged action before the arrival of judges in the Britain in Bloom competition in July. Now the group has been contacted by Kier, the contractors for Highways England.

Mr Knowles said: "We have been provided with a commitment that work will take place on the island

before the judges are due. After that both Highways England and Kier will attend a community meeting with Oswestry Tourism Volunteer Group to discuss all the traffic islands and gateways into Oswestry."

Jim Wildman, a spokesman for Highways England, said the roundabout work would be done in the next few weeks.

JOY AT LEADER'S CANAL SUPPORT

Report by Sue Austin

CAMPAIGNERS say they are delighted new Shropshire Council Leader Peter Nutting has highlighted the restoration of the Montgomery Canal as a key priority.

The council boss has pledged to do all he can to help restore the canal up to the Welsh border at Llanymynech between Oswestry and Welshpool.

His comments have this week led to an invitation for Councillor Nutting to see for himself the work to open the canal up again.

Councillor Nutting was speaking the day after he was elected to head the unitary authority following the recent local elections.

The council chief said he hoped to use the role to expand on tourism opportunities such as the canal system. He said: "Particularly across North Shropshire the canals have all sorts of opportunities. I just think investment in the canal system could really bring long-term benefits, particularly the Montgomery branch of the Shropshire Union Canal. If we can get it to the Welsh border it will be up to the Welsh Assembly to do that side, but if we can link it in to the Welsh and Newport branch of the canal, it does provide a real opportunity for a week's canal holiday from the Shropshire Union Canal."

Michael Limbrey, chairman of the Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust, said he was delighted Councillor Nutting had pledged his commitment to the canal.

He said: "It is wonderful that the new leader of Shropshire Council has the vision to understand just how important the Montgomery Canal will be to the local economy. An invitation is winging its way to Councillor Nutting to come up and see the work for himself."

"So much has been achieved over the years to bring the Montgomery Canal back to life. Currently a programme of works and events supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund is getting under way, and now we are looking at the next steps in the restoration."

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David is rounding up fundraisers for big walk



Fundraiser David Andrews launches this year's Oswestry Round great walking challenge. Photo: John Sambrooks.

A PLEDGE to help a hospital has grown into a walking challenge on a long distance route for fundraisers.

The Oswestry Round network of paths and canal towpaths circling the town was devised by David Andrews and his wife Jane Trudgill when he was recovering from prostate cancer.

People are being asked to take part in a sponsored walk of the 33-mile route on June 10 to raise funds for the Lingen Davies Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital where Mr Andrews was treated.

The day has been organised with help from rotarians, starting and ending at the Lion Quays Hotel and Spa. People can choose to do all or half of the route and walk or run it.

There will be marshals and medical cover between 4.45am and 10pm along the route which goes anti-clockwise to the hills of the Welsh/Shropshire border and part of Offa's Dyke to Llanymynech and then along the flat Shropshire plain and canal towpaths back to the Lion Quays. Last year's inaugural event raised more than £10,000.

Mr Andrews said: "Jane and I were really keen to repay the wonderful staff at the Lingen Davies Centre where I was treated for prostate cancer in 2014. I revived an idea for a book which first occurred to me about eight years ago. Oswestry is in a pretty unique position, having the hill country of Wales to the west and the lower land of Shropshire to the east. It was fun to devise a circular route."

People can find more information about the Oswestry Round challenge and about Mr Andrews's book at www.oswestryround.co.uk

BUSINESS

Huge investment will allow firm to expand in future

A MAJOR investment of more than £750,000 will allow a home and outdoors chain to expand by building a new headquarters and depot.

The Welsh Government is investing £752,000 on site preparation works to enable the family-run Charles Stores to build a new 108,000 sq ft headquarters and e-commerce fulfilment centre on Offa's Dyke Business Park in Welshpool.

To mark the start of the work, Welsh Economy Secretary Ken Skates joined Charles Stores' managing director designate Rebecca Lloyd on the seven acre site to cut the first turf.

Mr Skates said: "The Welsh Government has worked closely with Charles Stores to support their plans to expand and grow in Mid Wales and I am delighted work is now underway preparing the site for development."

Ms Lloyd said: "We are delighted to see groundwork begin on our new headquarters and distribution centre. We are proud to call Mid Wales our home and are pleased we can continue to do this with this new state-of-the-art facility."

The firm currently operates across multiple sites in Newtown and Welshpool and Ms Lloyd said consolidating operations under one roof at the planned new e-commerce centre will enable the company to increase efficiencies, serve a larger number of stores and grow its web based business.

TRAFFIC

Roadworks finished ahead of schedule

ROADWORKS which caused lengthy hold-ups for motorists travelling in and out of Oswestry have finished two weeks ahead of schedule.

The temporary traffic lights were brought in earlier this month as major pipe replacement work was being carried out on the B5069 Gobowen Road by contractors from Wales & West Utilities.

Despite the firm initially hoping the works would be complete by June 4, the firm has confirmed the works have finished two weeks early. The £98,000 investment will ensure the town's gas network is fit for the future, bosses said.

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Proposed summit to look at boosting heritage site

Report by Sue Austin

THE spectacular Pontcysyllte Aqueduct was awarded World Heritage Site status eight years ago.

But little has been done to capitalise on the title, a Welsh Assembly member has said.

Now a culture and heritage summit could be held in the summer to see how the area could better benefit from the status.

The World Heritage Site takes in the Llangollen Canal from the Shropshire border at Chirk Bank near Oswestry to Llangollen itself and includes both the Pontcysyllte and the Chirk aqueducts.

Mark Isherwood, North Wales Assembly Member, says the Welsh Government has made little progress in driving forward plans for heritage-led regeneration in North East Wales. He challenged the cabinet secretary for economy and infrastructure, Ken Skates AM, in the Assembly Chamber over the matter. Mr Isherwood said there was a potential 15.5 million people within a two-hour catchment area of the aqueduct that had been identified as potential visitors.

He said: "It is now eight years since World Heritage Site status was awarded, and I think eight years since the then Welsh Government first established a regional partnership body to drive forward the regional industrial heritage offer.

"The idea was to incorporate not only the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and the 11 miles of canal from Llangollen to the Shropshire border but also the Llangollen Railway, the Ceiriog Valley, Brymbo, and stretching across to Flintshire's heritage trails including the Rhydymwyn Valley and Greenfield Valley Trust. We still haven't got that joined-up approach and we still haven't got the through-ticketing, which bodies such as Llangollen Railway are proposing."

Mr Skates, who is the Assembly Member for Clwyd South, said: "I'd like to see greater co-ordination between and amongst the various organisations that are involved in the culture and heritage sector in industrial north-east Wales. And, for that reason, I think it would perhaps be very sensible to convene a culture and heritage summit during the summer, to bring together those organisations, including Glandwr Cymru, a lead partner in the Pontcysyllte world heritage site activity. In drawing together those various interests, we may be able to make progress."

Couple Oliver and Jen are together at last



Oliver Blake and Jenifer Delgado are now living together after being forced to live in different countries because of immigration rules

OLIVER Blake and Jenifer Delgado can now enjoy being a happy couple after they were given Home Office approval to live together in Shropshire.

Although they married 10 months ago, the young couple have had to live separate lives because Jenifer is a Columbian national.

But, just days after their plight was highlighted in the Shropshire Star and Oswestry and Border Chronicle, they received the news they have been waiting for – that Jenifer has been granted a spouse visa.

It means she can live and work in the UK for two and a half years – when the process will have to be completed all over again.

Jenifer has now left Spain, where she has been studying for a second masters, for a new life with her husband Oliver in England.

A delighted Oliver, who lives in Rhydyroesau, near Oswestry, said: "We didn't see the point in hanging around as we've both been waiting long enough and want to start making headway with our plans. Fortunately, Jen's last module in Barcelona is a research project which she has decided to conduct on British residents and their perceptions of South American tourism and South American food."

Oliver, 29, an athlete, is also a marketing expert for the Shropshire-founded Net

World Sports company, now based in Wrexham.

He met Jenifer, 30, in 2014 when she did work experience for the company when she was completing a masters degree in business at Chester University.

The couple fell in love and were married in Shrewsbury in July last year.

But the couple soon became tangled in immigration red tape.

They said to apply for a UK Spouse Visa costs £1,500 plus and on top of that there is the £500 that has to be paid to the NHS and processing fees.

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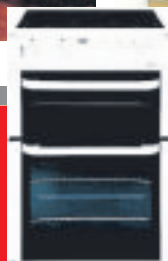
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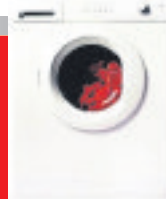


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Kasey Bright

Staff on their bike for charity challenge

STAFF from an estate agent business in Oswestry will bike almost 50 miles tomorrow (Friday) – without leaving the office.

The workers at Woodhead Oswestry Sales and Lettings are getting ready to pedal for charity by taking part in an eight-hour static cycle ride.

The challenge will take place at the estate agent's Leg Street office,

where the team is aiming to cycle 49 miles, the distance to Liverpool, in just a day to raise funds for Cancer Research.

They say they all know someone who has been affected by the disease.

Cyclists will take it in turns throughout the day with 20 minute shifts on the bike and have set themselves a target of raising £200.

The challenge has been organised by the youngest and newest member of the Woodhead team, apprentice Kasey Bright, 17.

Owner Kate Howell said: "I'm proud of Kasey for taking the initiative to come up with this fundraiser and I'm sure the team will all rise to the occasion.

"Everyone is throwing themselves into this challenge, they're a

great team and I've no doubt they will succeed in raising money for this very worthy cause.

"I know the ladies taking part would welcome any encouragement people can give them on the day and I'd encourage members of the public to call in and cheer them on or donate via the JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kasey-Bright>"

Voters given chance to ask questions of poll hopefuls

Report by Sue Austin

PEOPLE in Oswestry have the chance to quiz the candidates in the General Election for the North Shropshire constituency just days before they vote.

The Churches Together in Oswestry District has organised a hustings event for June 5 at the Marches School from 7.30pm.

The evening will be chaired by Brian Hogbin.

Questions for the candidates may be left in advance in boxes placed at the Oswestry Christian Book Shop in Lower Brook Street and St Oswald's Parish Church. They can also be sent by email to contactctod@gmail.com.

Pay rise for councillors

COUNTY councillors in Mid Wales have voted to receive a £100 a year pay increase, taking their basic salary to £13,400.

At the first full meeting of the new-look Powys County Council last week, councillors were told that after two years of no salary increase, the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IPRW) had decided to increase councillors' basic pay by 0.75 per cent.

Powys County Council "must" allow the increase, according to the IPRW.

A report before the authority set out the IPRW's decision, although individual councillors can forego their salary.

In a report, which went before councillors, it stated: "As with all three types of salaries – basic, senior and civic – a member may elect to forego the whole or part of the basic salary."

The council also agreed to senior salaries being allocated to up to 18 councillors.

Names should be included when submitting a question.

The closing date for questions is Wednesday.

Meanwhile, people from Montgomeryshire will be able to question their General Election hopefuls on June 5 at Welshpool Livestock market.

The event is open to all and will start at 12.30pm.

FUW Montgomeryshire CEO Emrys Wyn Davies said: "It is essential for farmers and landowners to have the opportunity to question and query party candidates as well as hearing their views on the future of rural Wales ahead of this critical General Election.

"I urge our members and everyone who has an interest in the countryside to attend this event, so that they can make a fully informed decision on June 8."

For further information contact the FUW Newtown office on (01686) 626889.

The Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats and Greens are battling for the North Shropshire seat while those parties plus Plaid Cymru are battling for the Montgomeryshire seat.

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Music director to step down



Eilir Owen Griffiths is stepping down as music director of the Llangollen Eisteddfod

THE music director of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod has announced he will step down from the position after this year's 70th anniversary festival.

Eilir Owen Griffiths, the International Eisteddfod's youngest ever music director, will leave following this year's event in July, giving him more opportunity to concentrate on new developments within the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, composition projects and also to spend time with his young family.

During his six-year tenure, Mr Griffiths, 36, introduced the Children's Choir of the

World Competition, Voice of The Future and International Voice of Musical Theatre Competition, as well as developing the Outreach and Inclusion Projects, which recently won the Scottish Power Community Award.

His ambitious programming has also pulled together large scale concerts including Sweeney Todd with a cast of 150, and a star studded Carmen last year.

He has also been integral in drawing national audiences by securing performances from global artists such as Status Quo, UB40, Burt Bacharach and Jools Holland.



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Teaching assistant roles to go under new set-up

Report by Sue Austin

TEACHING assistants face losing their jobs at Oswestry's Marches School.

The role is to disappear and instead there will be a team of specialist support professionals called 'access leaders'.

A meeting of the National Union of Teachers in Shropshire last week was told that all teaching assistants were facing redundancy at the school, part of the Marches Academy Trust.

The union says it understands that some teaching assistants have been offered other roles but six will leave their employment altogether in July. A statement from the school said staff involved were given the opportunity to apply for the newly created roles.

Inspectors say school is adequate

A VILLAGE school has been rated adequate by inspectors.

Llandysilio Church in Wales School in Four Crosses was visited in March by education watchdog Estyn.

Pupils were praised in a number of areas, with their attendance and behaviour being described as "good", as well as their speaking and listening skills. "Pupils are courteous and polite and have positive attitudes to learning," the report said.

Inspectors said: "Nearly all pupils read widely, with fluency and expression and a good understanding of text and characters."

However, inspectors also said: "Teachers do not have high enough expectations of what pupils can achieve and therefore do not challenge them effectively in most curriculum areas."

"Teachers plan effectively, but do not always implement their plans closely enough to provide pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum."

Estyn will now draw up an action plan and the school has been given a number of recommendations in order to improve.

Amanda Williams, headteacher, said: "In the school community, every pupil has equal access to all activities."

"In all other areas the inspectors noted that strengths outweighed areas for improvements. We are pleased that the family atmosphere of the school has been recognised."

First aid session to be held



Community responders Effie Cadwallader and John Roberts will help deliver the course

A FREE community first aid session, which includes advice on how to use public defibrillators, will be held in Oswestry.

Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club has joined forces with the British Heart Foundation and Heartstart to organise the event at the Wynnstey Hotel on June 3 starting promptly at 9.45am.

Mike Lade from the club said: "No one knows when they may be called upon to save a life whether that's a family member, a child, a grandchild or a person in the street, but would you know what to do?"

Volunteer West Midlands Ambulance Services community responders in Oswestry will be running the two-and-a-half-hour long course.

Mr Lade said: "Attendees will learn how

to recognise a heart attack, how to carry out cardiac pulmonary resuscitation on babies, children and adults, how to manage unconsciousness, choking and severe bleeding. They will also learn how to use the defibrillators now in the big yellow boxes on the walls placed around the town for public use."

There is no charge for the course but attendees are asked to make a donation on the day with all the proceeds going to the Oswestry Community Responders to enable them to continue their voluntary work in the community.

Space will be limited so people are asked to reserve their place by contacting (01691) 650854 or emailing oswestrycambrianrc@btinternet.com.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

The ambitious plans for a multi-screen cinema on Oswestry's Smithfield development may well be a distant memory but one man has a plan to give cinema-goers a new venue.

The big screen has been a thing of the past in both Oswestry and Welshpool for some time now. Welshpool Town Council has been screening regular productions in the Town Hall since the Pola Cinema doors closed and Kinoculture has been filling the gap in Oswestry following the Regal closure.

It's been 22 years since the Regal brought down the curtain on its final film but now Trevor Harris, the man who ran the venue, has come up with a scheme to bring big screen back to the town.

With the promise that he has a building lined up and a "change of use" application lodged with Shropshire Council Mr Harris says there are exciting plans for Oswestry with all the major film releases on the agenda.

Paying for such an ambitious plan might turn out to be a sticking point though – and don't forget small cinemas are shutting their doors all-across the country. Today's cinema-goer demands hi-tech sound and vision as well as armchair comfort.

And if giant companies such as Cineworld decide they can't make a multi-screen centre pay in Oswestry there has to be a big question mark over the viability of this new plan. But wouldn't it be great to have the option again? Good luck Mr Harris.

.... I am amazed at the news that Dyfed Powys Police caught 400 culprits driving without seatbelts on Mid Wales roads in a two-week clampdown – almost half of the 850 caught in an All-Wales Seatbelt Campaign during March.

What is wrong with people? Endless TV advertising campaigns show us the devastating effect of being involved in accidents whilst not belted-up, yet people still chose to ignore one of the most sensible laws.

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.... Welshpool's town centre traffic lights were out of order on Friday and surprise, surprise the traffic flowed freely. A power cut left The Cross lights without power and amazingly the traffic queues disappeared. It wasn't quite so comfortable for pedestrians trying to cross the road safely though until emergency lights were installed and traffic quickly backed up to the Railway Station and through Church Street Car Park in minutes.



Tom Thornhill is hoping to take the North Shropshire seat for the Liberal Democrats



Graeme Currie has been selected as Labour's candidate for North Shropshire



Oswestry town councillor Duncan Kerr is the Green Party's candidate for North Shropshire

Hopefuls have hard fight to give Tories the blues

JAMES PUGH takes a look at the battle for North Shropshire in the General Election on June 8

CANDIDATES vying for the North Shropshire seat at the General Election on June 8 know they will have a fight on their hands to prise victory away from the Tory hopeful Owen Paterson.

Mr Paterson has held the seat since 1997 for the Conservatives and the seat itself has traditionally been something of a Tory stronghold.

Of all Shropshire's parliamentary constituencies, none pose a challenge for non-Tory candidates quite like this.

The Conservatives seem to belong in North Shropshire.

In only two parliaments since its creation under the Reform Act of 1832 have voters waved off a non-Tory politician to Westminster, with a combined total of five years in parliament for Whigs and Liberals.

And the odds are looking good for him to once again retain his seat, with Paddy Power putting his odds at 1/200.

The odds for Labour are 40/1, Liberal Democrats are 22/1 and 150/1 for the Greens.

Mr Paterson's rivals – Liberal Democrat Tom Thornhill, Labour's Graeme Currie and Green's Duncan Kerr – will need a big swing of votes if they hope to make an impression in the constituency.

The big issues facing North Shropshire include much of what's been at the forefront of residents' minds for a number of years now, including improving broadband and mobile phone coverage.

Long-time campaigner in the fight for Shropshire to secure decent mobile



Owen Paterson, the Conservative candidate, is the bookies' favourite

and broadband coverage, Mr Paterson has described the county's network as not fit for purpose and has told mobile phone bosses that they are putting lives at risk by not improving reception in rural parts of the county.

Earlier this year it was revealed phone company EE had pledged to bring 4G to 92 per cent of the UK this year following a meeting with Mr Paterson.

Another key issue has been plans to upgrade one of the region's major routes.

The planned upgrade of the A5 and A483 recently moved a "huge step forward" after a Government minister announced it would be assessed as part of a key road investment strategy.

Roads minister John Hayes said the Government is listening to the con-

cerns of people who use the roads or live nearby, after a highways report found that congestion on the A5 north of Shrewsbury and A483 around Oswestry is worsening, impacting safety, economic growth and the environment.

With North Shropshire being largely populated by farmers, low milk prices remain a big issue in the region.

And dairy farmers received a fresh blow recently after Market Drayton-based dairy giant Muller said it was to cut the price it pays farmers for milk after the long-awaited rebound in the value of dairy produce ground to a halt.

And so what about the candidates?

The strong favourite is Mr Paterson. The Whitechurch-born Cambridge graduate he inherited the Conservative candidacy in 1997 from long-time constituency MP John Biffen and has

held it ever since for the Conservatives. He backs what has become known as a "hard Brexit" or tough negotiations and a full split from the European Union.

Graeme Currie is the Labour hopeful. Mr Currie is from Bagley, near Ellesmere and was previously the Labour candidate in the 2015 General Election.

He is married to Lorraine and they have two children – Grace, 23, and Ethan, 20.

Mr Currie is a qualified social worker, who runs his own independent social work business.

The 60-year-old moved to North Shropshire 14 years ago from Manchester.

He also previously ran as Labour's candidate for Shropshire Council in Oswestry in 2013 and in his home area of Ruyton and Baschurch in this year's local elections.

North Shropshire local Tom Thornhill is to stand on behalf of the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Thornhill was previously the party candidate in the 2015 General Election and in doing so was the youngest candidate in any seat in the county.

The trainee teacher and charity worker, who is 22 years old, is promoting a liberal, open, tolerant Britain. He is a proud Salopian and passionate pro-European.

Mr Thornhill, who grew up in Whitechurch, joined the Liberal Democrats shortly after 2010, before he became a student.

And Duncan Kerr is the Green Party candidate.

He is a member of Oswestry Town Council and saw the Green Party increase its number of councillors on that authority to five at the recent local elections. However, he was a Shropshire Councillor but lost his seat on that authority at the same local elections. A children's social worker, he has supported local campaigns such as Frack-free North Shropshire and 20's Plenty in his role as a Green Party activist.

PETER RHODES



'YOU'RE fired' are words that President Trump is more familiar uttering than many. Yet, he went back to his Apprentice roots when he unceremoniously fired FBI Director James Comey with a phrase more suited to the former Governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger: "You are hereby terminated." Few can imagine a more impersonal way of being given the boot than being handed a letter in the middle of a conference, whilst watching the news of your firing play out on TV screens. Comey understandably assumed that the letter was a joke until the reality of his being sacked descended. Trump has now become only the second US President and commander-in-chief to fire his FBI director, second to Richard Nixon. Clinton's emails, Comey's personal fame as a 'showboat' and supposed lack of loyalty to Trump are just some of the reasons cited by the administration as being behind the firing. Perhaps it is just as Trump himself made it when he spoke in the Oval Office: "He was not doing a good job." Or maybe the real reason was what he admitted as 'this Russian thing' – otherwise known as the allegations that the Kremlin meddled in the US election.

X FACTOR finalist from 2009 Lucie Jones set her sights on winning Eurovision 2017 with a song that speaks deeply into the hearts of Eurosceptics and Remainers alike: "I will never give up on you/ don't care what I've got to lose/Just give me your hand and hold on/ Together we'll dance through this storm." Song Never Give Up On You was pitched by bookies as 25-1 to win and 14-1 to get 'nul points'. In the end it came mid-table with a respectable 111 points. Vive la difference.

AS if we needed another excuse to escape reality. Burglars have shown their desire to venture into a magical land inhabited by wizards and witches in making off with a postcard prequel to Harry Potter. Ironically, the postcard tells the story of the teenage main characters being confronted by two "muggle" policemen after a high-speed motorbike chase but manage to escape on broomsticks. I imagine the thieves own apprehension will be somewhat less magical.

IN an exciting domestic turn of events I have managed to flood our kitchen with water from our ailing washing machine. It has given up attempting to take anything in from the drawer aka actually doing its one main job, instead spouting out unnecessary drivel whilst spinning dry and making a hell of a lot of noise. Sounds like like a metaphor for something, or someone else? I'll let you decide.

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A: I assume your ex still lives in the UK. Under UK law it is illegal to sell alcohol to someone under 18 anywhere or for an adult to buy or attempt to buy alcohol on behalf of someone under 18. It is also illegal for someone under 18 to buy alcohol, attempt to buy alcohol, be sold alcohol, or drink alcohol in licensed premises. Similarly it is against the law for an adult to buy alcohol for someone under 18 for consumption on licensed premises, and to give children alcohol if they are under five.

However, it is not a criminal offence for a child aged 5 to 16 to drink alcohol at home or on other private premises!

Obviously, alcohol can have serious health consequences and you may wish to consider making an application to the Court to ask them to make an Order preventing your ex-wife from giving alcohol to the children, particularly if you feel it is having a negative impact upon their wellbeing. The Court would take into account various factors when deciding what Order to make, but the paramount concern would be the welfare of the children and what is in their best interests.

Anyone thinking about giving alcohol to their children should think carefully about the damage they could cause in the short term and long term and of course they may be seen to be causing harm or risk of harm to their child that could potentially lead to social services intervention and removal of the child.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Peters, a Partner with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary). In Oswestry, Wednesdays 12noon-3pm for Personal Injury, Employment & Family matters. In Wrexham, Mondays 9.30am-12noon for Employment matters, 12noon - 3pm for Personal Injury & Family matters. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.



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My promise to you is that I will continue to work hard for you all year round over the next four years as I have done as the Mayor of Oswestry, while always helping to address any problems or issues that may

arise at county or town council level. I will always try my best to help you accordingly and in any way I can as I have always done as an Oswestry Town Councillor for the past seven years.

I will at all times have your best interests and those of our town of Oswestry at heart in my decision making while also being a local, strong independently minded voice for you at Shirehall.

If I can be of help in any way or if you have any questions in the future please do not hesitate to contact me at any time or by visiting one of my monthly ward surgeries.

My monthly ward surgeries are held on

the last Saturday of each month between 11am and noon at the Oswestry library.

I can always be contacted by phoning me on 07581 223599.

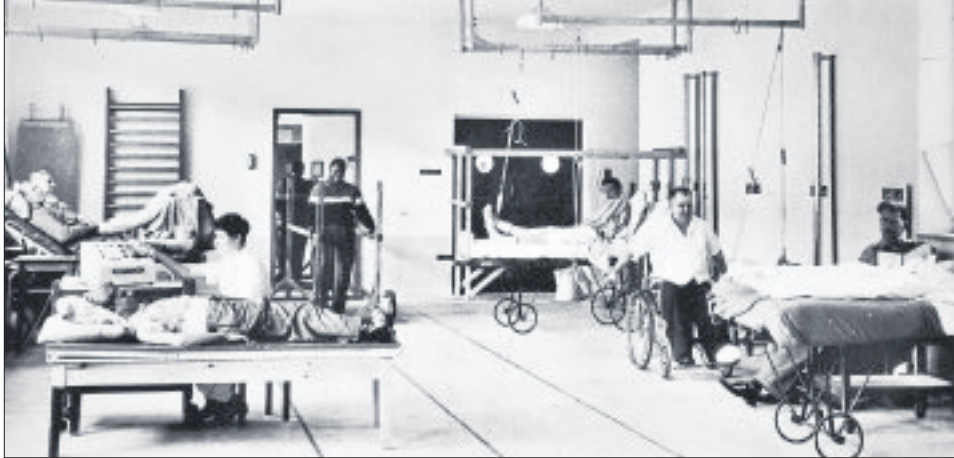
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Thanks again for all your support which really does mean so much to me.

I will do my best to repay the trust you have given me.

Sincerely
PAUL MILNER
 Shropshire Councillor
 for Oswestry South

Physios get to work at hospital department



This is the physiotherapy department of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobowen, as seen in an old postcard, but as it was not posted and franked, we can't tell you from when it dates.

It comes from the collection of postcard collector Ray Farlow.

Turn down the music to protect precious hearing

AS someone who is suffering from hearing loss caused by industrial noise, I am really worried that the generations behind me are walking into a life of isolation, continuous tinnitus, and embarrassment because they can no longer take part in social situations, because they are ignorant of the damage they have caused to their ears by listening to music too loud on their devices or at gigs

Your ears are very fragile, they can take a little noise, however if they are subject to excessive noise, they will fail you, and once they do, you will not hear properly again.

When you see me wearing hearing aids, they do not replace the hearing I have lost, only improve the hearing I have left (which isn't much).

I have been wearing hearing aids for 17 years. As I approach my 60th birthday, age could make my hearing deteriorate, and they may not help me in social situations, all because of noise I was subject to 40 years ago. Being deaf is not fun, it's very distressing and it can be avoided.

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No surprises over backing

SUPPORT from the First Minister for Wales for having a single A&E based in Shrewsbury is no surprise to me.

However, it is very disappointing to see that, rather than just pledge his support to the Shrewsbury site, he didn't also accept A&E is needed at both of our hospitals.

Perhaps if Wales actually paid in full for medical care provided by Shropshire, we may have more adequate funding to support the services that we all deserve.

PAUL EDWARDS
 Telford

It's frightening the fate of us all is in Trump's hands

IT looks very much like the UK is being drawn again into a repeat of the illegal Iraq war.

I watched with disbelief Donald Trump's crocodile tears over the poor babies killed in Syria. Seems he conveniently forgot the many babies amongst the 200 civilian casualties (sorry collateral damage) in the latest US bombing of Mosul.

Remember all the chemical and biological weapons President Hussein had in Iraq threatening the West? All lies of course.

The same excuse is almost certainly being used in Syria. Chemical gasses were released when Syrian jets bombed a terrorist bomb making factory. The probability is that these gasses came from that factory, as terrorists have used chlorine in the past.

An independent assessment is being carried out to seek the truth, but this will make no difference to Donald Trump.

It's frightening that the fate of the world is in the hands of this volatile and unstable individual.

BOB ROSE
 Storchley Park

This behaviour does nothing to end such a tragic conflict

THE continuing fiasco of Donald Trump's presidency is moving into even more dangerous territory, as Trump's adolescent behaviour threatens worldwide stability.

On a daily (hourly?) basis, new problems emerge, as his early White House tantrums come home to roost.

Take, for example, his selection of big business fat cats, personal friends and family members to run and/or advise the major departments of state of the most powerful country on earth.

Not only are diplomatic and strategic blunders a regular occurrence, but he has as his press secretary (the voice of the President and the only person available to answer questions, tricky or otherwise) a man unaware of the sensibilities of the history of chemical warfare, not least the use of gas by Hitler in the Second World War.

Sean Spicer out of his depth?

You bet.

Trump's election-winning pledge to carry out his campaign promises brought admiration in many quarters.

Problematically, those rabble-rousing promises took no regard of the political complexities surrounding the issues, best illustrated by the nightmare of Syria. Here Assad's brutal dictatorship, ISIS fanaticism, "moderate" rebellion, Russian involvement and Western hesitation contribute to a hellish scenario.

Into that scenario, on the evidence of distressing TV pictures, Trump sends cruise missiles, regardless of the absence of international agreement as to the origin of the chemical attack.

(Assad has form in chemical warfare, but all sides in this conflict know the importance of PR, and are capable of arranging damning "evidence" of atrocities.)

Without UN support, Trump's unilateral missile response contributes nothing to end the conflict.

He remains a danger to mankind.

DAVID ASKINS
 Lightmoor

Remember who must pay pensions

PETER Mandelson, who came into politics on a 'Get us out of the EEC' ticket and is now one of the 800-plus peers of the realm filling his boots in the House of Lords with its daily £300 tax-free attendance allowance (£40K per annum), reveals his zero rated patriotism by telling the Germans 'Forget Britain and look after your own interest'.

'Forget Britain' is exactly what the privileged class have done for the last 43 years!

Mr Mandelson, an ex-EU commissioner, is in line for an EU pension of £35,000 (five times more than mine after a lifetime's work).

That pension is awarded by Brussels but you can guarantee it will be paid by you and me - hence the EU demand for a £50 billion leaving fee to cover the pensions of the Mandelsons, Blairs, Kinnocks and many hundreds more who voted to stay in rather than lose their pensions.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Homes in village get the go-ahead

TWO semi-detached homes are to be built in a village near Oswestry. Planning officers from Shropshire Council have approved the plans for the two, three-bedroom semi-detached homes to be built on land adjacent to No 4 Hindford in the village.

The site is currently a small parcel of former orchard land in the heart of Hindford. Vehicular access will also be created for the two homes. The applicants – a Mr and Mrs Harvey – lodged the proposals with Shropshire Council in March. In a planning report, Rural Solutions – on behalf of the applicants – said: “The proposed development will provide small scale residential development on an underutilised parcel of land which lies in between existing residential development in the heart of Hindford village. The site currently features several greenhouses and metal sheds which will be removed as part of the proposal. The proposed development will provide two high quality and well-designed dwellings in a sustainable village which forms part of a community cluster.”

Hedgehog group is theme of talk

MEMBERS of Oswestry Townswomen Guild welcome local hedgehog sanctuary owner Tim Robbins to their May meeting.

Mr Robbins has his sanctuary in Pant and looks after rescued hedgehogs and releases them back into the wild when they are fit and well.

The group's meeting is today (Thursday) from 2pm to 4pm.

It takes place at The Festival Suite in the Memorial Hall in Oswestry.

Val Laundry from the guild said: “Why not come along, meet new friends, listen to interesting speakers and demonstrators, go on outings and of course not forgetting the cuppa?”

For more information call 07891084071 or just come along to the meetings.

Overnight closures on major route announced

Report by Naomi Penrose

A 13-mile stretch on one of the region's busiest roads will be closed overnight for more than a month for improvement works to be carried out.

Drivers face more than four weeks of misery as work will be carried out from Tuesday next week to July 7, between the Mile End roundabout at Oswestry and the Churncote roundabout near Shrewsbury.

The road will be closed between 8pm and 6am, when the works will be undertaken by Highways England.

It is believed the works are part of a pavement resurfacing scheme.

It is also believed that traffic will be diverted via Four Crosses and Llandrinio during the closures.

Councillor Robert Milton, chairman of Oswestry Rural Parish Council, said: “I'm always concerned whenever I hear about a closure on the A5 because the disruption it causes people is usually absolutely awful. “Not only are the diversions long, usually from Shrewsbury to Oswestry, you're taken towards Welshpool, it's the damage they cause to the unclassified roads.

“A lot of heavy goods vehicles use the A5 between Oswestry and Shrewsbury day and night, which is a lot for these unclassified, B roads to take, when they are diverted onto them.

“Plus it has an impact on local communities, with a high volume of vehicles passing through late at night, which keeps people awake because of the noise.”

News of the closure comes just weeks after Highways England confirmed the A483 between the Mile End roundabout and Llanymynech will be affected between 9pm and 5am from mid-July through to September for works to be carried out.

Have a walk in the hills this weekend



Sue Batley, Helen Francis, Janice Stokes and Ann Hindley, with characters from the Wizard of Oz, get ready for another busy Trefonen hillwalk weekend which will have a wide variety of activities once again

WALKERS are set to lace up their boots and enjoy a weekend of strolls and activities, while raising money for charity.

The annual Trefonen Hillwalk is back this Bank Holiday weekend, with a host of walks and events for all the family. Throughout the weekend, there will be a variety of activities to raise money for the charities, kicking off with a 10 and 16-mile walk on Saturday, as well as motorbike trials and a quiz.

On Sunday, there is a family service at Trefonen Church, as well as a hill run followed by a duck race and barbecue. Monday will offer a day of family walks, followed by a ceilidh in the evening.

Elsewhere in the village and before the weekend of walks kicks off, the Wizard of Oz is being performed at the All Saints Church this evening (Thursday) starting at 6pm.

One of the event's organisers Helen Francis said to show support

for the performance, characters from the show were up in the centre of the village, proving a real talking point in the village.

She said: “We're all really looking forward to this weekend's event now.

“There will be something for everyone, whether that's the walks or the barbecue and duck race.”

To find out more about the weekend, visit www.trefonen-hillwalk.com.

Tributes are paid to the victims of terror strike

OSWESTRY'S Mayor Vince Hunt has extended the town's sympathies to those affected by the bomb attack at the Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena on Monday night.

He said: “The thoughts of the town of Oswestry are with the City of Manchester and all those affected by the shocking attack on families at the Ariana Grande concert at the Manchester Arena last evening.

“Our support and deepest sympathy is extended to all the families of the victims of this horrific attack and we mourn deeply all the victims and, of course, the loss of such young and innocent lives.

“The flag at Oswestry Guildhall is being flown at half-mast as we remember and pray for the City of Manchester, its community and the innocent families whose lives have been shattered by this cowardly act.”

Shropshire Council tweeted a tribute to those affected, saying its thoughts were with those killed and injured.

Llangollen father Marcus Ansloos has described his relief that his children Sam and Maisie, who had attended the concert, came home safely.

He said: “My 22-year-old son took my 10-year-old daughter to go and watch the concert, it should have been a nice night watching a concert and obviously what happened later we all know. My children told me when the concert finished they were exiting the arena and they were by the foyer where the bomb went off.

“They heard the loud bang which shook them and they were stunned at first then Sam grabbed hold of Maisie and ran out, my wife called Sam when they were out and Maisie sent me a text to say they were out.

“I was so relieved when I saw them coming through the door.”

The terror attack killed at least 22 people and injured more than 50.

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The one-bedroom 800sq ft home comes complete with a galley kitchen and sits on a family plot of land



The pair finished constructing the property in just six months

Couple's £5k home

A YOUNG couple have built an impressive starter home without a mortgage by using two lorries – for just £5,500.

Carwyn Owen, 22, and his girlfriend, Megan, were both living with their parents and were unable to afford a large deposit.

So they came up with the innovative solution for their first home together.

Mr Owen, a furniture-maker from Welshpool, received the lorry backs from a friend, who handed them over in return for making furniture

for his wife. The one-bedroom 800sq ft home has a galley kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom with a standalone shower.

The couple also saved money on planning permission because the home is technically a temporary structure and will eventually be moved off its plot.

The pair finished construction of the property, which sits on a family plot in the town, in just six months with the help of an architect and designer. Mr Owen, who is also a joiner, completed most of the labour himself and built beds, tables and a sofa for the new property.

Speaking about her show How to Live Mortgage Free, which the couple appeared on, Sarah Beeny said: "It's all about finding slightly alternative ways of living."

"If you want to go the standard route where you live near Starbucks and the tube in a three-bedroom Victorian terrace, you probably can't live mortgage free, because you need more money for that."

"But a lot of people spend an awful lot of money on rent."

"If you can stop paying rent then you save an extraordinary amount of money."



Carwyn Owen, 22, and his girlfriend Megan were both living with their parents before building the house and appeared on property expert Sarah Beeny's How to Live Mortgage Free TV show

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Waste collection tips for business

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Powys County Council say all commercial premises in the county have a legal duty to ensure their waste is collected and disposed of by an authorised waste carrier.

The council's trade waste team provides a comprehensive service by assisting businesses to be environmentally responsible for their waste.

In addition, they can provide businesses with advice on how they can reduce, re-use and recycle their waste which not only assists with the council's objectives to increase recycling but means the business is also making a contribution to a better environment as a whole.

For more information contact (01597) 827465 or 0845 6027035.

Ramblers will be in Elan Valley

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be led by Matthew Prosser and will be a moderate one in the Elan Valley area.

The start of the walk will be from the Penbont Car Park (OS grid ref SN 915 674), near the Pen-y-Garreg Reservoir. From Llanidloes make for the Elan Valley Centre, but pass it on your left as you follow the river uphill. The car park is by a tin building, on your right as you cross a stone bridge over the river. The walk will be on good paths over open ground, with gradual gradients. Meet at 9am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref SJ 226 076), from where transport may be available or at the start of the walk ready for a 10.15am departure.

Free event will look at World War One history

Report by Naomi Penrose

RESIDENTS in Powys interested in World War One have an opportunity to attend a free history event.

The Powys War Memorials Project has organised the special evening at the Memorial Hall in Presteigne on July 7.

The event starts at 6pm and is free. Donations are welcome for the East Radnorshire Day Centre.

There will be sessions from Gabrielle Rivers from The Judge's Lodging and Powys County Council's Archives on family history research. Also there will be Jonathan Protheroe, the stonemason who repaired the Presteigne War Memorial and a session will also look at Swansea University's Welsh Memorials to the Great War project.

The event will end with an open session where people can bring their World War One memorabilia including poetry, photographs and stories and discuss them with other attendees.

Sue Bolter, Powys County Council's head of regeneration, property and commissioning, said: "The Powys War Memorials Project is a mark of our respect for local people who left Powys to fight in the First World War and especially to commemorate those that did not return. I'm delighted this event is taking place as it gives people an opportunity to learn more about World War One and the impact it had on our local communities here in Powys and across Wales. It will also be a chance for people to share the memories that have been handed down in their own families and within their communities."

Eight homes approved by planners



The Little Chef restaurant in Cefn, Buttington, before it ceased trading

PROPOSALS for eight homes on the site of a former restaurant have been given outline planning approval by council planners.

The development is earmarked for the site of the former Little Chef in Cefn, Buttington, near Welshpool.

Applicant Paul Delves of Delves & Co Ltd submitted the plans for the eight semi-detached homes with Powys County Council planning chiefs. Mr Delves told the council that he envisages the proposed housing will range between two and three-bedroom homes. At present the former restaurant site stands vacant after it ceased trading a number of years ago. The site is located on the A458 trunk road. According to Mr Delves, the site has been marketed for a considerable time but there has been no interest.

In the design and access statement for the development, he said: "It is felt this application offers the opportunity to grant planning approval on a windfall site within a designated boundary for a number of low-cost, family homes that will help to meet an identified shortfall in provision of this type of property."

Charities to benefit from music nights

AN entertainer has arranged a series of dates for a vintage rock and roll show to raise both funds and awareness for two charities that he has supported for a number of years.

Alan Crowe, from Welshpool, is hosting the events to raise funds for Sparks and the Cae Dai Trust.

Sparks is a children's charity funding research into numerous diseases and disabilities that affect children, while the Cae Dai Trust supports vulnerable adults that have become victims of drug and alcohol abuse, and mental health issues.

Mr Crowe said: "I have supported Sparks for a number of years since being invited to be part of a celebrity event at Whitchurch some years ago."

"I first came across the Cae Dai Trust when I visited a 1950s museum in North Wales, which I did because of my interest in music from that era and love of history. The museum is the main source of income for the Cae Dai Trust."

The fundraising events will take place on June 2 at the Function Room in Llanidloes, on June 9 at the Archibald Club in Whitchurch, and June 16 at the Monty Club in Newtown.

Special horseback patrols on duty

DYFED-POWYS Police special constables will soon be patrolling parts of the region on horseback.

A small team of officers will form a mounted Special Constabulary in a move to combat rural crime.

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Win tickets to see Gregory Porter

Competition

WIN a pair of tickets to an 'Evening With Gregory Porter'.

Enjoy an audience with soul, jazz and gospel singer, Gregory Porter on Friday, July 7, as part of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod's 70th anniversary celebrations.

Teaming up with the International Eisteddfod and show sponsors, Linguassist, the Oswestry and Border Chronicle is giving readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the Grammy award-winning singer, songwriter and actor's North Wales debut.

Joined by his band of talented musicians, Porter will be performing tracks from his newest album Take Me to the Alley as well as a selection of older works.

The evening promises to be a magical night of soulful, soothing sounds, with expressive, self-penned songs filled with metaphor and meaning and clever jazzy arrangements – the performance is set to perfectly showcase Porter's popular formula of strength, heart, authority and vulnerability.

The concert starts at 7.30pm in the Royal International Pavilion, for more information visit llangollen.net.

This year's International Eisteddfod boasts performances from Sir Bryn Terfel, Kristine Opolais and Kristian Benedikt in Tosca, The Overtones, Christopher Tin, Manic Street Preachers and Reverend and The Makers, as well as a raft of stalls and fun family activities on the fields.

Competition details:

The winner of this competition will be entitled to a pair of tickets to 'An Evening with Gregory Porter' at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod on Friday, July 7, 2017. To be in with a chance of winning, simply send a postcard with your name, address and daytime telephone number to Gregory Porter Competition, Oswestry and Border Chronicle, 14 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NU, by Friday, June 9.



Gregory Porter will perform at this year's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Terms and conditions:

Competition closes at midnight on Friday, June 9. The winners will be notified by telephone. Employees (or their immediate relatives) of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and MNA group of companies may not enter.

The editor's decision is final. The draw is open to all UK residents over the age of 16 except employees and their relatives.

No cash alternative is offered. No tickets for alternative shows are offered. There is a limit of one entry per person.

The tickets provided to the winner are provided in accordance with the terms of the competition and are not for resale.

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Carnival chiefs make stalls call

ORGANISERS of an annual carnival are calling for stallholders and crafters to book stalls at this year's event as demand is expected to be high.

The team behind West Felton Carnival has issued the call ahead of this year's event.

The year's festival is due to take place on July 16 and will cater for a range of interests and hobbies.

Eileen Hamner, carnival committee secretary, said: "Anyone involved in a cottage industry, crafting, or if you have anything interesting or unusual to sell then please do try out a stall at the carnival."

"The carnival is always well attended and is a fun and lively event."

For more information on the carnival or for a booking form and details of the cost, people are asked to telephone (01691) 610629.

Authority now has a new chairman

THE new chairman of Chirk Town Council was announced at their latest meeting.

Frank Hemmings will replace Jackie Allen, who was named as vice-chairwoman.

Councillor Hemmings was recently named as Wrexham County Borough Councillor for Chirk North, narrowly beating Jackie Allen by 10 votes.

A new five-year term of office has just begun.

Eleven members of Chirk Town Council are now in place.

At the annual meeting, it was also announced that there are spaces available on the council for people who want to serve their community.

The town council is inviting people who want to become councillors to step forward as there are four vacancies, and they can be put on the council through the process of co-option.

For further details contact the town council on (01691) 772596 or email chirk.towncouncil@btinternet.com.

Council leader has plenty of ideas on how to bring success

AIRPORTS, a fresh approach to finances and embracing renewable energy – Shropshire Council's new leader has plenty of ideas.

Councillor Peter Nutting, who represents Copthorne on Shrewsbury Town Council and runs a sports shop in the town, has been elected as the authority's new leader.

The new leader has spelt out his plans for the future.

One of those plans will have to be how to combat the council's financial problems, which he says may have been "overplayed".

He said: "I do believe that. Although I don't think Shropshire is rolling in money, the financial situation has been overplayed a little bit."

"Shropshire does have some money in its kitty but it's in the capital accounts rather than the revenue accounts and what we've got to do is generate more revenue."

"It is a case of balancing things."

"I also believe there are far more opportunities to use the town and parish councils to provide some services, but we need to treat them better if we really want them to work in partnership with us."

"It does look to me that in recent years like we have just tried to dump things on them."

"I wouldn't want to do that; I would want to have more partnership arrangements."

Other projects the new leader said he hoped to focus on include the creation of an airport for the county.

The project, which was put forward just weeks ago, has already been welcomed by a number of organisations and people living in the county.

Various destinations have been mentioned including RAF Cosford.

Councillor Nutting suggested Tern Hill Barracks, near Market Drayton, could also be a potential site.



Shropshire Council Leader Peter Nutting, who runs a sports shop in Shrewsbury, says he has plenty of plans for the authority in the future and that includes support for a possible new airport in the county

He said: "It is still in the early stages but I do note that there is a runway there."

"I don't want anything to be done in a rush but I think we need to look at opportunities."

"I am just posing the question, does Tern Hill Barracks provide an opportunity to consider that more?"

Councillor Nutting follows fellow Conservative Malcolm Pate, who held the position for 16 months after the resignation of former leader Keith Barrow.

Under Councillor Pate's leadership, the council has looked at a number of ways to generate fresh income as it struggles to balance the books.

Recently it announced a partnership with an energy company that will

see it receive a small fee once residents switch to a new Shropshire-exclusive tariff. Councillor Nutting said these are ideas he plans to build on over the next four years.

He said: "Wherever it's possible we will do things with renewable energy."

"We've got this new electric company we are setting up so I'll do whatever I can along that line but that's always going to be on a relatively small scale to the amount of money Shropshire needs."

"We have got a lot of bigger projects and different ideas but they are at very early stages yet." His leadership election comes less than 12 months after he was removed from his role as portfolio holder for income generation, tasked with coming up with ideas

for the council to make more money.

His suggestions had included investing in solar farms and using land earmarked for student halls in Shrewsbury as a car park while the project awaited the green light. He had also announced he wanted to review pricing at Shrewsbury's Quarry pool but he was sacked by council leader Malcolm Pate. It was understood that the disagreement centred around an aborted challenge from a group of councillors to Councillor Pate's leadership.

However, Councillor Nutting, would not be drawn on the reasons behind his dismissal, and simply claimed there was a "disagreement" while Councillor Pate said he decided to "reorganise the administration".

Backing for new town cinema plan

THE owner of an independent cinema says there is room for another in Oswestry.

Ian Garland, owner of Kinokulture, an independent cinema based in Oswestry, said he welcomed the plans set out by cinema expert Trevor Harris recently to convert a town centre property into a one-screen venue which will show the latest films.

Mr Garland said a cinema screening all the major film releases would be good for the town, without being in competition with his business.

He said: "From what Trevor has said in the local press so far, it does sound like early days but I wish him plenty of luck with it."

"It all sounds very intriguing."

"I wish Trevor luck with it."

"I think what he is looking to offer the town sounds a lot different to what we're doing."

"It's like that difference between Sainsbury's and a deli, Sainsbury's is Sainsbury's whereas a deli is a deli."

"In fact I would love there to be somewhere where young people in the town can enjoy the latest, mainstream films that appeal to them."

"There is a gap in the market in Oswestry for the 16 to 30-year-old popcorn-fest audience, so I think it would be fantastic for the town."

"I consider our biggest competition locally to be the Market Hall in Shrewsbury but then again their customers come to us, and vice versa. Really what we do is work with the British Film Institute for what we provide."

Mr Harris who ran the former Regal Cinema on Leg Street in the town, said he is working with a company on the project and has earmarked the former Salvation Army building on King Street as the potential site. Having spent more than 60 years being involved in cinemas, Mr Harris, 77, said he wants local people to have access to the latest blockbuster films at reasonable prices. He said: "In my humble opinion, the cinema has become too expensive for people, especially families with children."

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Warning is given out over DIY divorces

DO-IT-YOURSELF divorces are readily available and may seem like a cheaper, more attractive option to instructing a solicitor – but people are being warned to be wary of the pitfalls.

Solicitors at Lanyon Bowdler in Oswestry say divorces are declining – they were down 3.1 per cent in 2014 compared to the previous year and 27 per cent down from a peak in 2003. But they still happen to 42 per cent of married couples, and are the most financially and emotionally stressful events people ever have to deal with.

The fee to issue a divorce petition with the court is £550 – although people may be entitled to a remission depending on their financial circumstances. And there are other costs associated with resolving financial issues. DIY divorce kits are available on the High Street and internet costing between £19.99 and £40, which make them an attractive option, but there are concerns.

Lucy Todd, of Lanyon Bowdler's family law team in Oswestry, said: "Going through a divorce can be an incredible strain, and having a solicitor gives you advice and support from an expert acting in your interests. Divorce is a technical legal procedure and there are certain rules and protocols which must be adhered to. Solicitors are well versed in this and can help avoid unnecessary delays or expense. You can only rely on one of five facts to prove your marriage has irretrievably broken down, choosing the most appropriate and backing that up with sufficient information to support it is not always straightforward. Solicitors can also advise on alternative non-court ways to resolve financial and child matters – like mediation and collaborative law."

AM makes call for more help for tourism sector

Report by Naomi Penrose

MONTGOMERYSHIRE AM Russell George says more must be done to promote the area's tourism.

Mr George attended a day of events hosted by the Mid Wales Branch of the British Holiday and Home Park Association to support the industry.

Mr George said: "I was delighted to support the Mid Wales Branch of the British Holiday and Home Park Association's Welsh Tourism Week initiative.

"More tourists than ever before are visiting Mid Wales to see what our wonderful region has to offer with its world-renowned heritage sites, fantastic food and drink, the coastal path, beautiful market towns and fantastic mountain ranges. It has a countryside other holiday regions in Britain would die for and I want to see the Welsh Government shout about these assets from the roof tops. Tourism is a critical driver in economic development and job creation and the Welsh Government must do more to foster the right conditions for growth in this crucial sector for the Mid Wales economy. Last year, I revealed that the Welsh Government doesn't spend a single penny of its £8.3 million budget on specifically promoting Mid Wales as a tourist destination. Tourism habits are changing – and Mid Wales is well-placed to benefit from this, but only with the right action plan which will allow the tourism industry in Mid Wales to flourish and reach its full potential."

Showroom is launched by firm



Manager Ben Jones in the new TG Dream Kitchens and Bathrooms showroom in Oswestry

CUSTOMERS at a leading builders' merchants will now be spoilt for choice thanks to the launch of a new kitchen and bathroom showroom.

The TG Dream Kitchens & Bathrooms' showroom has been unveiled at TG Builders' Merchants, in Maesbury Road, Oswestry, and will employ three full-time staff.

General manager Mark Evans said customers could now explore ten full-sized kitchen displays and 10 full-sized bathroom displays in the 220 sq m store.

"Our aim was to create a showroom that gave customers the opportunity to see some of our products and accessories in a relaxed and realistic setting. Sometimes it's difficult to imagine what a range would look like in the home environment, so by creating 20 full-sized displays, it's much easier for customers to picture our styles in their own home."

Mark said the showroom was already proving extremely popular with customers, with the vast arrangement of displays a real highlight. It's creating a real buzz with our customers because in a more typical kitchen and bathroom showroom, you only see smaller parts of a display – but we wanted to give our customers an experience that sets us apart from other suppliers, and it's proving to be a great success."

The kitchen displays offer all kinds of design styles.

Hotel has a new booking service to use

FOLLOWING the £1 million refurbishment and relaunch of its Cabinet Rooms conference centre last year, the Lion Quays Hotel & Spa at Gledrid near Oswestry has become the only hotel in Shropshire to offer a new live booking service with partner venue directory.com.

Designed to support the hotel's PAs and direct meeting buyers to book meeting rooms and small event spaces at short notice, the online system is easy to use and is as simple as entering a preferred date and number of delegates attending on the hotel's website booking tool.

Venue directory.com's technology does the rest – searching live availability for suitable space and taking users through a booking and online payment process that takes less than five minutes. PAs and corporate buyers are invited to visit the hotel with an open day on June 22 from 6pm to 8pm, with a chance to see the Cabinet Rooms, find out more about venue directory.com's online service and sample light bites from the Waterside Restaurant. Colin Jenno, general manager, said: "We appreciate that PAs and corporate buyers are busy people and therefore need a speedy, reliable booking service. The new online format allows them to book quickly and without fuss."

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Pensioner's canal death was accidental

A PENSIONER drowned after walking on one of her favourite canalside paths, an inquest heard.

What caused 89-year-old widow Glenys Thomas to fall into the Llangollen Canal remained a mystery after the hearing in Ruthin.

Her body was found in the canal at Gledrid near Oswestry, near the Poacher's Pocket pub.

The discovery was made on New Year's Day the inquest was told.

The body was found a short while after Mrs Thomas's son Mike Thomas had reported her missing from her home about half a mile away in Chirk.

Mr Thomas told the inquest that his mother had a mastectomy in 2001 and in August 2016, the cancer returned.

When told of the diagnosis, however, she was "quite chipper" and seemed to accept the fact.

In the months which followed she became increasingly confused and paranoid, becoming concerned about trivial matters.

Mr Thomas said his mother was quite mobile and refused to use any walking aid.

"She didn't want anything which made her look old," he said.

The pensioner often walked her dogs along the canal despite there being quite a steep section of path.

John Gittins, coroner for North Wales East and Central, said she had last been seen by local resident Gareth Hughes the previous evening walking in the dark in Station Road, Chirk.

A post-mortem examination revealed the cause of death as drowning.

Mr Gittins recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Vulnerable get support

FIVE vulnerable people in Powys will be given call blocking devices to protect them from nuisance calls thanks to the county council.

Powys County Council's trading standards consumer fraud team have signed up to receive the five call blocker units from the National Trading Standards Scam Team.

Part of a national scheme, around 1,500 devices will be provided at a cost of £500,000 for the most vulnerable, including dementia sufferers. The call blockers will be supplied by Truecall Ltd.

This initial pilot will run for 12 months and aims to provide call blocking technology to consumers who most require protection from nuisance and scam telephone calls – in particular those with a dementia diagnosis. Doctors, trading standards officials and local councils will identify those most at risk.

A consent form is required when the call blocker is installed and a survey questionnaire will be completed at the end of the project. Each authority has been allocated five units although more may be available later.

Clive Jones, the council's professional lead for trading standards, said: "We want to create a fairer society by cracking down on unscrupulous practices which target the most vulnerable."

New homes to be built in village

THIRTY-FIVE homes are set to be built in Llanymynech.

Shropshire Council planning chiefs have granted approval of reserved matters of layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access for the residential development.

The development site, with an area of agricultural land of 1.34 hectares in size, lies off the existing housing estate known as Barley Meadows which is accessed off the B4398 Station Road in the village.

Applicant Primesave Properties submitted the plans for the homes with Shropshire Council last November, which received no formal objections from any members of the community or from Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council, and despite the fact the site is adjacent to the Llanymynech Conservation Area, no concerns have been raised by conservationists.

As part of the plans, overflow car parking spaces for Llanymynech Village Hall will also be created.

‘Big boy’s toy’ in action at tractor pull event



Onky Ankers, Morris Lubricants' managing director Andrew Goddard, Julie Ankers and Gary Penton

AN Oswestry businessman will be getting his "big boy toy" out at a tractor pulling event this weekend.

Gary Penton, a director of Oswestry-based haulage company Pentons, will be taking part in the first round of this year's British Tractor Pullers Association Championship on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr Penton has supported the sport for eight years and has purchased a new tractor from Holland to compete in the Prostock class this year.

Based on a Massey Ferguson 1150 with a Perkins V8 engine, the tractor, named "Big Boys" Toy, produces 2,000 horse power and 6,000 revs per minute.



Oswestry businessman Gary Penton will be in tractor pulling action this weekend

The event will coincide with the first day of the Shropshire County Show on Saturday and will take place at the Greenhous West Mid Showground in Shrewsbury.

The event, which is hosted by Malpas Tractor Pulling Club, is the first of five rounds of the British Championship and is expected to attract more than 30 competitors from across

the UK in seven classes. The first round is being sponsored by Morris Lubricants.

Julie Ankers, who together with her husband, Onky, is a director of the British Tractor Pullers Association and a member of Malpas Tractor Pulling Club, welcomed Morris Lubricants' continued support and is looking forward to a competitive event in Shrewsbury.

Car park conflict breaks out at old battlefield site

Report by Sue Austin
IT is thought to be the site of a bloody battle that gave Oswestry its name.

And now a new battle has erupted over the fields of Maes y Llan after plans for a car park were revealed.

The land is owned by Oswestry School and has been used for decades as the school's playing fields. It has now applied for planning permission to build a car park on part of the fields leading to objections from neighbours.

Nearby residents say the Maes y Llan site, thought to be where the battle between King Oswald and King Penda took place, should be left as a green site. Those living in Lutton Close, which overlooks the playing field, say they will suffer noise, light and pollution issues.

However, Oswestry School says that if the application is not granted it may have to stop some of the community use of the fields.

The battle of Maserfield is thought to have taken place in the vicinity of Maes y Llan in AD641 or 642. During the fighting King Oswald of Northumbria was killed by King Penda of Mercia. It led to the naming of Oswestry after the defeated Christian King.

Andrew and Jackie Field, whose home looks over the land, have objected.

"The proposed car park, which will be used between 7.30am and 10pm seven days a week will cause noise, light and pollution issues, as well as encroaching on yet another green site on the outskirts of Oswestry," Mr Field said.

"With proposed car parking for at least 42 cars, this is not a small car park. Many sports are played on the field by community groups and the school itself.

"The plan also includes a new road access, giving concern that there will be further congestion on an already busy road.

"Can the school not meet this need somewhere else within the school site instead of building yet again on the historic Maes y Llan?"

In the application for planning permission consultants representing Oswestry School say that even after the original car park was constructed on the playing fields the school had been aware that there is still need for additional parking facilities for vehicles. The proposed new car park would be constructed of a mesh which allows grass to grow through it.

A supporting document to Shropshire Council says: "At present cars still park on the public roads when attending various sporting activities which take place on the playing fields.

"Should the additional car parking be rejected many community events may have to cease due to safety concerns and will not assist with highway safety outside the school gates."



Andrew Field takes a look at the car park plans



Neighbour Andrew Field is worried about the plans



Residents are objecting to plans for the new car park on the playing fields



Andrew and Jackie Field are opposed to the car park plan near their home

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Impressive and versatile property is an ideal family home

An impressive and versatile three storey town house with nine spacious rooms in total, 90 Castle Street, Oswestry is an ideal family home with the potential for other uses. With scope to split into two or three flats, (subject to permissions), or office accommodation, it has many Georgian features throughout and is well maintained. It is for sale through Town & Country at £217,500.

Its accommodation currently comprises an entrance hallway, a cellar, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen/diner, six bedrooms and a family bathroom. The good sized rear garden is lawned and enclosed by walling and hedging making, it is a private and secure area. The property is warmed by gas central heating and has double glazing. There is a car park around the corner with possible permit parking available.

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs off to the first floor and down to the dry lined cellar. The lounge has a sash-style window, part panelled walls, a picture rail and coved ceiling and data points etc. With a part glazed door to the rear, the dining room has part panelled walls, a picture rail and a coved ceiling. Having base and wall kitchen units, the kitchen/diner includes a stainless steel double sink unit and mixer tap, a door to the side, a Belling double range-style cooker, extractor fan, part tiled walls and part tiled flooring.

On the first floor landing are stairs to the second floor, a family bathroom with a white three piece suite comprising, part tiled walls, a built-in cupboard with wall mounted gas boiler. There are three bedrooms on this floor, all with sash windows and one with a built-in cupboard.

On the second floor are another three bedrooms, again all having sash windows.

Outside the front garden comprises a small gravelled courtyard leading to the front door.

The rear garden has a courtyard with a paved area at the side leading to a shed, a lawned garden to the rear and a gate for the bins and is enclosed by walling.

There is a car park around the corner with possible permit parking available from the council for around £150 per annum per car.

KEY FEATURES

No chain

Impressive three storey town house

Six bedrooms

Nine rooms all together

2-3 flat rental potential

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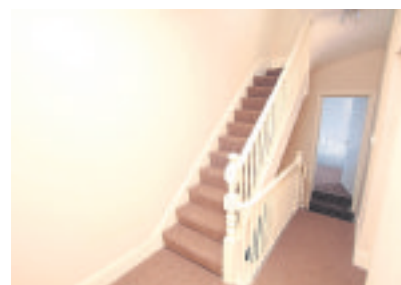
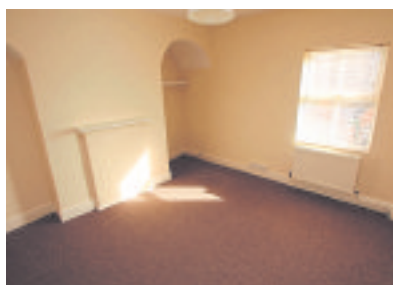


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Detached property on a substantial private plot

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A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Liys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole for more details on 01691 679595.



Brand new bungalow is in quiet lane in centre of village

TREFLACH
£212,500

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A brand new individually designed two bedroom detached bungalow, Chapel Cottage, Stoney Road, in Treflach, is located on a quiet lane in the centre of the village.

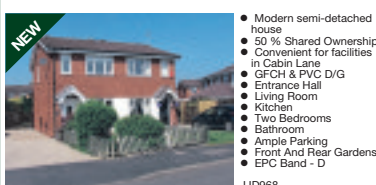
The property is on the market through JJ Dell&Co with a guide price of £212,500 and there is no chain. The home benefits from under floor heating and pvc double glazing. There is an entrance hall, two double bedrooms, a bathroom and ensuite, a kitchen living area and a utility and cloakroom. The property also benefits from parking. The property occupies a central position in the village of Treflach with local pub and bus services. The property has off-street parking to the front and to the sides and rear is an enclosed lawned garden area with paved walkways.

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- Three Bedrooms
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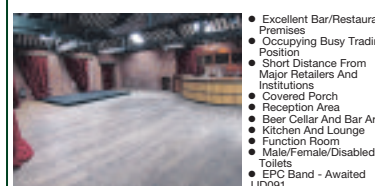


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Lot 11 AUCTION



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- Great potential for modernisation and refurbishment
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- Sought after location
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- EPC Rating G (19)
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Lot 12 AUCTION



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- 2 First Floor Bedrooms & Bathroom
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Lot 13 AUCTION



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Refurbished stone built cottage enjoys far reaching views

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It has an entrance hall, a sitting room, dining room, study, four bedrooms, a kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, one en-suite, lawn, parking and a garage.

Ivy Cottage is situated in a delightful rural position on the eastern fringes of the village of Church Stoke between Montgomery and Bishops Castle.

The area is well served with a range of local amenities including the renowned Harry Tuffins supermarket, whilst a more comprehensive range can be found in Shrewsbury, Ludlow and Newtown. Both Welshpool and Craven Arms have regional rail links to the intercity network and there are good road



communications to both the West Midlands via the M54 and South Wales.

This area of the country is popular not only for its beauty but for its abundance of recreational opportunities. There are lovely walks and rides throughout the surrounding South Shropshire hills and nearby Offa's Dyke. Other opportunities include racing at Ludlow and golf at Welshpool, Ludlow, Church Stretton and Shrewsbury.

Ivy Cottage is a refurbished detached stone built cottage with accommodation over two floors. The property retains many attractive and period features. It is presented to a very high standard and is well proportioned throughout with views over the surrounding countryside.

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The main property has an entrance lobby, an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a rear hall, a utility room and WC.

The main property on the first floor has three double bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate shower room.

The annexe accommodation which comes with the property includes a living room, a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

Both are warmed by gas central heating and there is double glazing throughout.

Outside there is ample off road parking and a garage and gardens.

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Little mouse is a true gem

WHEN it comes to 'little gems' in the natural world, there are surely few animals that can beat the minute, elegant fragility of the harvest mouse.

Now can be a fairly good time to see them for although their name is apt, once the stalks of corn brown, they are nearly invisible. But why is it worth seeking one out?

The harvest mouse is the smallest rodent in Europe, weighing just six grams.

The UK population is estimated at about 1,425,000 however the population trend is unknown but it is thought that numbers have declined in the last 40 years and they are now rare.

They mainly occur in southern and eastern England, with a few records in the Midlands, the north of England and southern Scotland. They are absent from Ireland.

I've been lucky enough to see several harvest mice in various different locations across Shropshire, so they are definitely present.

However The Shropshire Mammal Group would be very interested in hearing of any new records of this species; please 'google' them to find out more.

The harvest mouse is the only British animal with a truly prehensile tail.

Others such as the dormouse, the ubiquitous house mice and the squirrels have tails that can curl a little around branches and the like, but the harvest mouse's can actually be used as a fifth limb.

When wrapped around a stem it can act as a brake or anchor and this makes it very nimble whilst travelling and feeding in stems of cereals and grasses.

They are mostly nocturnal which admittedly makes seeing them a bit of a challenge, however during the warmer summer

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months they are active during the day. Usually the give-away that there are harvest mice present is the discovery of their nests in the corn.

About the size of a tennis ball, these intricately woven constructions are for breeding, sleeping and resting in and there are usually several nests made by a couple of mice.

To make these they shred grasses by pulling them through their teeth and use the strips to do the weaving and to secure the nest to the grass stems, half way up.

Harvest mice always seem rather frightened.

Their nose is constantly twitching and quivering and although they can put on a burst of speed, they often seem rather charmingly to walk away from a potential predator as opposed to scuttling off like a house mouse might.

Whether they truly are or not, they have good reason to be frightened as almost every carnivore in the UK will happily make a meal of them.

Yet their quiverings are also a form of predator avoidance.

They have a remarkable ability to sense vibrations through the soles of their feet.

Larger animals in the vicinity can be sensed by vibrations passing through the ground and up the plant on which the mouse is feeding, into its feet and in so doing allowing the harvest mouse a head start on any escape strategy it may need to employ.



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Police give out advice on legal use of drones

POLICE have seen an increase in the number of incidents caused by drones – but figures remain low.

West Mercia Police said that while there has been an overall rise in the number of reports, those in Shropshire and Telford are still low in comparison.

Inspector Gareth Morgan, for West Mercia Police said, "Over recent years we have observed an increase in incidents caused by drones within the Shropshire and Telford area, however I would like to reassure the local community that by comparison the number of these are very low.

"We acknowledge that there is an increase in interest in this technology and the use of drones as a hobby and are seeing more and more people using drones.

"I would like to remind drone enthusiasts to make themselves aware of the UK Dronecode set by the Civil Aviation Authority. We are not here to spoil your fun. We just simply want to encourage people to refresh themselves with the law to ensure that they enjoy using drones responsibly.

"Breaching certain regulations will be investigated by West Mercia Police whilst we don't wish to criminalise people for innocent misuse, other action may be taken."

It comes after figures revealed nearly 250 drone incidents have been reported to police in less than three years. A total of 97 of those reported to West Mercia Police were complaints about drones flying over properties in the area, while 50 were seen flying over prisons.

The figures show data for 2015 and 2016, as well as the first three months of this year.

According to the data, there were 72 complaints made last year about drones flying too close over a property, as well as four concerns a drone was flying over a school.

Cases reported to West Mercia Police included theft of drones, drones hitting people, fraudulent sale of the equipment and drones crashing onto homes or properties.

In Shropshire and Mid Wales, drone owners have been warned about using their equipment in an appropriate way.

Organisers of the Bob Jones Memorial Air Show at Welshpool Airport have recently been reminding people that all remotely piloted vehicles, drones and radio controlled aircraft are completely forbidden from the site.

Meanwhile, police in Telford recently issued an appeal for help after a number of complaints that a drone has been flying close to windows of homes in Horton Lane, Horton.

Residents believe the flyer of the drone must be experienced as it hovers and moves near the properties.

Drones have presented a problem to prisons with many reporting drugs and mobile phones are being dropped into the sites by using the flying devices.

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I quick-stepped to Dirty Dancing role

It didn't take Carlie Milner long to agree to star in *Dirty Dancing*. The all-singing, all-dancing performer was delighted to play Penny Johnson.

And who can blame her. *Dirty Dancing*, which runs at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to June 3, remains one of the nation's favourites.

Exploding with heart-pounding music, breathtaking emotion and sensationally sexy dancing, the film version has been seen by millions across the globe.

The worldwide smash hit tells the classic story of Baby and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds, who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. Featuring 35 hit songs, including *Hungry Eyes*, *Hey Baby*, *Do You Love Me?* and the heart stopping *I've Had The Time Of My Life*, it remains a true classic.

Carlie says: "It was one very quick chat with agent and we agreed that we'd do it. That was it."

She was formerly with Birmingham Royal Ballet, where she starred in *Sleeping Beauty*, and she also played in English National Ballet's *Swan Lake*, at the Royal Albert Hall. Stepping up as Penny Johnson has been a blessing and she's been on the road with it, off and on, since 2014.

"Yes, I started with it a few years ago. I was doing the old production and now we're back with a brand new interpretation of the show. I did the show for a year and a half and then I joined this production and we started rehearsals in June last year.

"Despite doing the show before, it's like doing a whole new show. I've really worked on the part and made it my own. It was a no brainer really."

The response from audiences has been ecstatic and Carlie thinks the musical has the perfect blend of comedy, drama and music to keep people entertained.

"It's a cult classic, it's got a huge following, as does the film, and that lends flavour to the theatre version. It appeals to more than just a theatre goer. You get people of all different ages going. It's lovely and there's the double nostalgia, with the show being set in the 60s but having lots of 80s music. It appeals to a wide audience and I think it will always be that way.

"The thing about *Dirty Dancing* is that it remains so current. I had the TV on last night and there was an advert and the first thing was the *Dirty Dancing* steps. It's always on TV. Every couple of months, you'll switch on and it's there. This production is a similar thing. I don't think it will go away. I know every show has to have a rest but then it comes back stronger.

"We had a new choreographer and a new director, new steps and I guess I had a break of six to eight months between shows. It's kind of nice coming back and seeing what else I can bring to it."

Carlie copes well with being away from home and describes herself as a good tourist. She's used to the routine of packing her suitcase each Sunday and hitting the road.

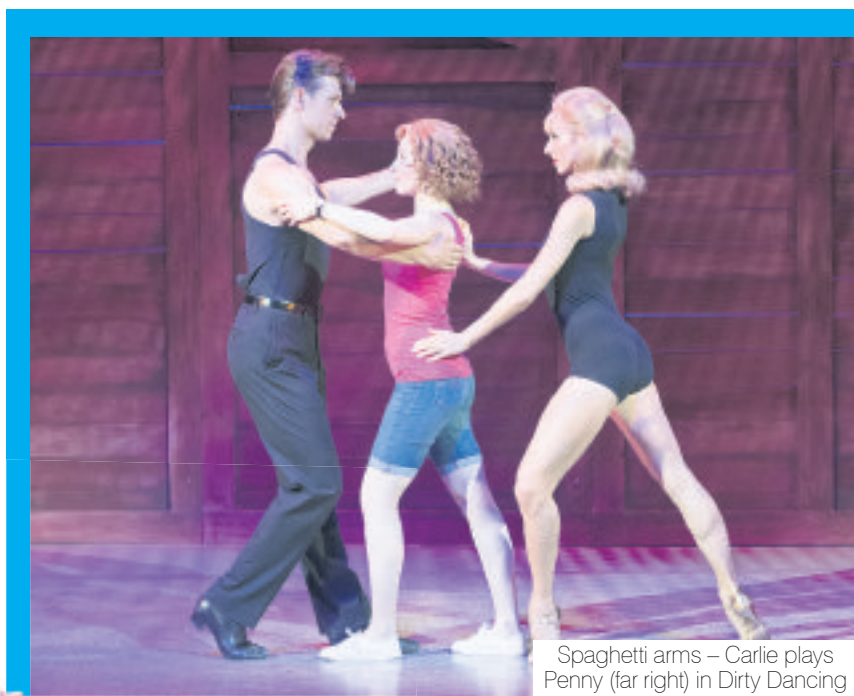
"It's a tough schedule but it's great. You just have to get on with it. You kind of accept that part of it. I'm on the move for a year and get home when I can.

"I like to think I'm pretty disciplined. Not to blow smoke up my own backside but you have to look after yourself and put work before play, if you're feeling tired. The more discipline you have the better. It's such a physical show and is so demanding."

She's looking forward to returning to Birmingham, where she was a student at the BRB. She learned a huge amount from the internationally-renowned troupe.

"BRB is a different world compared to musical theatre, certainly in terms of dance. You learn nothing but professionalism. I really value my time working with those companies at such a young age. It was great. It was invaluable. I feel like I've taken that into the other jobs and it was incredible to be in that.

"And to be in Swan Lake at the Albert Hall, a phenomenal theatre, surrounded by 40 other swans



Spaghetti arms – Carlie plays Penny (far right) in *Dirty Dancing*

was insane. I'll never forget it. It was absolutely wonderful.

"I started off in ballet school and I wanted to do classical and that's what I did for the first few years. Like a lot of people who go through this, your options change through the years. Four years ago I decided to get involved in musical theatre. It was quite challenging after coming from a classical background.

Carlie fell into the role of Penny with ease, after understudying her character for a year-and-a-half. "It's something that I've always wanted to do, so to be able to call that role my own was great because I had really enjoyed it previously. In the old show

I played Penny quite a lot as an understudy because unfortunately the main cast member suffered an injury.

"I'm quite lucky with the fact that *Dirty Dancing* is heavily dance based but I do really love all the acting as well. If I told myself four years ago that I would be playing Penny on a national tour I wouldn't have believed myself. This is the highlight of my career.

"It really is the film on stage. We throw a little bit extra in there and you have live singing and group singing parts which don't really feature in the film. It's a theatrical twist on the original."

Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story On Stage originally opened at London's Aldwych Theatre in 2006 with a record-breaking advance of £15 million, making it the fastest-ever selling show in West End theatre history. The production became the longest running show in the history of the Aldwych Theatre and played to over two million people during its triumphant five-year run.

It has become a worldwide phenomenon, with productions staged in the USA, Canada, Germany, Australia, the Netherlands, Sweden, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore and throughout Europe, consistently breaking box office records.

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Recent sell out tours include France, Germany and Australia.

The first ever UK tour of *Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story On Stage*, launched in 2011 and then returned to the West End in 2013 playing at the Piccadilly Theatre in London, prior to launching a second UK and Ireland tour.

The new production also features Lewis Griffiths, as Johnny Castle. Lewis has had a prolific career in musical theatre, most recently starring as Nick Massi on the UK tour of *Jersey Boys*. Other roles in UK tours include *Ghost* and *Legally Blonde*, and West End credits include *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, *Rent* and *Whistle Down the Wind*.

It also features Katie Hartland, as Baby Houseman. Katie made her professional musical theatre debut carrying the watermelons as Baby Houseman, having graduated from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in 2015.

The show is set in the summer of 1963, and 17 year-old Frances 'Baby' Houseman is about to learn some major lessons in life as well as a thing or two about dancing. On holiday in New York's Catskill Mountains with her older sister and parents, she shows little interest in the resort activities, and instead discovers her own entertainment when she stumbles across an all-night dance party at the staff quarters.

Mesmerised by the raunchy dance moves and the pounding rhythms, Baby can't wait to be part of the scene, especially when she catches sight of Johnny Castle the resort dance instructor.

A show not to be missed.

● For more entertainment news and reviews see **The Ticket** in your Shropshire Star every Friday.

Win tickets to see Take That screening

It'll be magic when Odeon Eagles Meadow hosts its live screening of Take That's London concert.

The cinema in Wrexham is bracing itself to cope with The Flood of fans expected for a spectacular live screening of Take That's latest London concert.

And you can join the fans in Wrexham thanks to another great Oswestry and Border Chronicle competition.

To celebrate the release of Wonderland, their eighth studio album, in style the terrific trio are starring in a sell-out concert at the

massive 02 arena on Friday, June 9 as part of their current UK tour of the same name.

It will be beamed direct to cinemas across the country, bringing all the colour and thrills of the live event direct to the best seats in the house at The Odeon cinema at Eagles Meadow Shopping Centre.

And every scintillating minute will be captured up close and personal on the big screen, says Odeon manager Kenny Kempster who is also advising fans to book early for the big show, which starts at 8pm.

We have teamed up with the

Odeon and Eagles Meadow Shopping Centre to organise a competition, with two pairs of tickets up for grabs for the screening on June 9.

To book for the Take That live screening on June 9, go to: www.odeon.co.uk.

To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets send a postcard with your name, address and daytime telephone number to Take That Competition, Oswestry and Border Chronicle, 14 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NU.

Entries must arrive by Friday, June 2 and normal competition rules apply.



Coming up

Somme movie to be screened

A historical silent film depicting the Battle of the Somme will be screened in Newtown.

Two free screenings of the 1916 film 'The Battle of the Somme' will be held at the entertainment venue Hafren in Newtown on Saturday.

The screenings will be at 2pm and 7pm.

The screenings have been organised by Powys County Council's Powys War Memorials Project, which commemorates the centenary of World War One.

The council, which is also a member of the First World War Centenary Partnership, has worked with Hafren to bring the film back to the big screen.

The Imperial War Museums (IWM) and members of the First World War Centenary Partnership are working together to show the UNESCO listed film The Battle of the Somme, to audiences across the world.

Shot and screened in 1916, it was the first feature length documentary about war and changed the way both cinema and film was perceived by the public. In the year of its release around 20 million people, almost half the population of Britain at the time, watched The Battle of the Somme many hoping to see the image of a loved-one, or friend captured on film.

A soundtrack that was commissioned to mark the 90th anniversary of The Battle of the Somme will be played while the film is being screened. The music was composed by Laura Rossie and performed by the Philharmonia Orchestra



Talented trio are out of this world

A trio of classical musicians who have turned their hand to traditional folk music from around the world will be playing in Shropshire.

Kosmos Ensemble will be at Concord College at Acton Burnell, between Shrewsbury and Church Stretton, for a concert organised by the Shropshire Music Trust on Sunday.

Kosmos comprises violinist Harriet MacKenzie, accordionist Milos Milojevic, and Meg Hamilton on the viola.

Kate Hogwood, director of Shropshire Music Trust, said: "All three members of Kosmos are high-flying classical soloists and have recorded concertos with the likes of the English Symphony and Royal Philharmonic Orchestras.

"Kosmos redefines the relationship between classical and world music, an inspirational combination including tango, gypsy, Balkan and Japanese music and referencing classical composers such as Brahms, Dvorak and Sarasate, with fearless improvisation and impeccable technique.

"Audiences will really enjoy what has been rightly termed breath-taking and impeccable musicianship, so this concert promises the ideal Sunday afternoon treat."

The concert is at 3pm.

Tickets are available online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ smt, by phone from TicketSource at 0333 666 3366 or at the Windband shop on Greyfriars Road, Shrewsbury, in person or by calling 01743 367482.



Comedy club set for big launch

Caboose Comedy Club will launch its monthly Comedy Club night on Friday next week at Carriages Bar at Cambrian Works in Oswestry.

Caboose will run regular monthly comedy, dining and music club events featuring well known and recognised comedy talent from around the country as well as

providing stage time for new and up and coming comedians. The launch event on the will feature Freddy Quinne, a successful professional comic loved by audiences nation wide, Freddy is currently preparing to film his first DVD special.

Also on the bill is Cash Boyle, an aspiring lawyer with a sardonic perspective and Ben Turner, pictured, a Yorkshireman and journalist who is a Yorkshire New Act of The Year finalist.

Completing the bill is Si Wozniak, a rising star with natural talent. Si has quickly become a firm favourite in the North West with audiences and fellow comedians alike.

Caboose Comedy Club resident MC is Phil Green a young, up-and-coming comedian transitioning from the world of professional wrestling, who charms audiences with his open and honest storytelling blended with shameless puns.

Ticket prices for pre-comedy dinner are £21.50 with dinner being served from 7.30pm.

Comedy club only tickets are priced at £12.50 and there will be bar food available.

Comedy starts at 9pm.



Scouting for Girls to headline new festival

POP rockers Scouting for Girls, the Lightning Seeds and Toploader are set to headline the first Snowdonia Outdoor Festival.

The event, which is expected to attract thousands of people, will be held in Bala this August, with more acts still to be announced.

Music lovers from across the country are expected to descend on Bala Lake to enjoy three days of outdoor sports and live music from August 11 to 13.

Scouting for Girls are best known for the UK number one She's So Lovely while Toploader had a massive worldwide hit with Dancing In The Moonlight.

Liverpool rock band, the Lightning Seeds joined forces with David Baddiel and Frank Skinner for the football anthem, Three Lions.

The Snowdonia Outdoor Festival has been organised by Brand Events, known for the Keswick Mountain Festival.

Event director Nicola Meadley said: "We're really excited about the music we've pulled together for this first Snowdonia Outdoor Festival and we think it will go down well with our audience.

"The setting with the stage framed by the waters of Llyn Tegid, the hills behind, will be awesome and there should be a fantastic atmosphere there with music going on from the afternoon well into the night.

"We selected acts which we believe will appeal to our festival-goers and we'll be looking to add more names to the roster, including local artists and bands, as time goes on.

"We live for the outdoors and the beauty of Snowdonia. "They are both integral to who we are and lifestyle we choose. The Snowdonia Outdoor Festival believes in an outdoors for everyone and exists to help visitors develop skills, discover new ones – or to simply hang-out with people who share a common outlook.

"The festival is the perfect outdoor weekend for outdoor families – particularly those with children aged eight to 14."

Scouting for Girls will be among the top names at the first Snowdonia Outdoor Festival in August



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free for children under the age of 16 are available from choir members, by calling (01691) 654802 and at the door. Refreshments are available.

* MONTGOMERYSHIRE Wildlife Trust is inviting people to celebrate spring at its Family Fun Day at Severn Farm Pond Nature Reserve in Welshpool on Wednesday.

This half term event starts at 11am and there will be a variety of free wild art activities and trails for people of all ages to enjoy.

The trust will be launching a new MWT Art Oasis project – a two year project

funded by Arwain that will bring local artists and local young people together to create new and inspiring works and installations that will challenge the way people see the natural world.

Anyone who has an interest in helping to develop the project as an artist, a volunteer, a group or an individual, should get in touch with the trust on (01938) 555654.

Caroline Lowe, local willow artist will be showing how to make some crazy creatures and garden ornaments from locally sourced willow. Friends of Severn Farm Pond group will be providing tasty refreshments for donations that will help develop more facilities for people and better habitats for wildlife at this popular community reserve.

*ART lovers are being reminded open studio weekends are to be held to allow artists in and around Oswestry to show off their work.

The open studios initiative will run over the weekends of June 10-11 and June 17-18. The initiative sees local artists invite the public into their studios to experience their creative work first hand. Studios will be open over the weekends between 10am and 5pm. Trail maps are available at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry, or visit the BVA website for full details at www.borderlandvisualarts.com. To tie in with the open studios programme, an exhibition will be held at the Willow Gallery from Saturday, June 3. Between 2pm and 4pm, there will be opportunities to meet some of the participating artists.

* OSWESTRY Ladies Choir will embark on a musical journey around the world in its concert on June 17.

It will see the choir singing not only in English but in Welsh, Swedish, Japanese, Spanish, French and Swahili. The selection of easy-to-listen-to music has enjoyed decades of popularity.

Joining the choir will be Rebecca Roberts, a young singer from Wrexham who began singing competitively at age six and has sung throughout UK.

She is also a previous gold medal winner at Llangollen Eisteddfod. The concert, conducted by Dawn Jaffray, takes place on All Saints Church, Gobowen.

Tickets priced £10 for adults and



Doctor Who
7.45pm
The Doctor, Bill and Nardole find themselves in the middle of a war-zone. At the centre of the field of battle is a 5,000-year-old pyramid, and while there are many problems with the situation presented, the Doctor is concerned with only one – there was no pyramid there yesterday.



Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors
9pm
Lucy Worsley embarks on a road-trip across England to take in some of the places Jane Austen lived in and visited during her lifetime. She aims to demonstrate how Jane's experiences influenced the central themes of home and property in her novels.



Britain's Got Talent
8pm
Ant and Dec bring out one last batch of would-be stars to perform in front of judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, David Walliams and Amanda Holden. So far, Amanda, Alesha, Simon, and Ant and Dec have all made use of their Golden Buzzer privileges to send four acts directly through to the live semi-finals.



Walks with My Dog
8pm
Ben Fogle takes his Labrador along the banks of the Thames, beginning in Marlow, while broadcaster Emma Kennedy and her maltipoo puppy visit the Lake District. Plus, Helen Skelton and her dog Barney embark on a voyage of discovery in Dumfries and Galloway.



NCIS
8.55pm
The team, alongside the FBI and MI6, continues the international manhunt for a disgraced British spy who is seeking revenge on the agents he blames for his wife's death. A re-examination of the fugitive's conviction for selling military intelligence reveals that he may have been framed.

| BBC1 | |
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| 6.00 | Breakfast. |
| 10.00 | Saturday Kitchen Live. Doctor Who star Pearl Mackie joins this week's host Matt Tebbutt for a chat, while Eleonora Galasso and Vivek Singh prepare dishes in the studio kitchen. |
| 11.30 | Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) |
| 12.00 | Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the FA Cup final between Arsenal and Chelsea, as the Gunners aim to win the trophy for the third time in four seasons. |
| 1.00 | BBC News; Weather. |
| 1.15 | Pointless Celebrities. Eni Aluko, Guy Mowbray, Kevin Kilbane, Mark Chapman, Dan Walker, Mark Lawrenson, Rachel Yankey and Kelly Smith take part in an FA Cup edition of the quiz. (R) |
| 2.00 | The FA Cup Show. A look ahead to Arsenal v Chelsea at Wembley Stadium. |
| 4.00 | BBC News. |
| 4.10 | Midlands Today; Weather. |
| 4.15 | MOTD Live: FA Cup Final Build-Up. Previewing the showpiece encounter between Arsenal and Chelsea. |
| 5.15 | MOTD Live: FA Cup Final. Arsenal v Chelsea (Kick-off 5.30pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the showpiece match at Wembley Stadium, as the London rivals meet for the chance to lift the famous trophy. Subsequent programmes are subject to change. |
| 7.45 | Doctor Who. Earth faces utter ruin as three nations threaten each other with mutually assured destruction, and a dubious offer of salvation arrives in the form of a message from an alien race. |
| 8.30 | Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, and battle it out to list as much as they know about a given subject. |
| 9.15 | Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes looks after a robotic baby that has been given to Dermot and Maria to help them prepare for their new arrival, and Cathy develops a crush on her psychology lecturer. (R) |
| 9.45 | BBC News; National Lottery Update. |
| 10.05 | Clique. Holly remains suspicious about the clique, despite now being at its heart, and a climactic encounter during a night out tests friendships – both new and old – to breaking point. |
| 10.50 | Clique. Holly's worst fears are confirmed, just as she is beginning to settle into her life in Edinburgh, and tensions mount during a party to celebrate Georgia's achievements at Solasta. |
| 11.35 | MOTD: FA Cup Final Highlights. Arsenal v Chelsea. Action from the showpiece match at Wembley Stadium, as the London rivals met for the chance to lift the famous trophy and succeed holders Manchester United. |
| 12.10 | FILM: Swingers (1996). A failed actor struggling to get over a break-up is dragged into the singles scene by a friend in the hope of regaining his confidence. Comedy, with Jon Favreau. |
| 1.45 | Weather for the Week Ahead. |
| 1.50 | BBC News. |

| BBC2 | |
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| 6.15 | FILM: City Beneath the Sea (1970). Sci-fi adventure, starring Stuart Whitman. |
| 7.45 | Deborah Kerr: Talking Pictures. A profile of the actress. (R) |
| 8.20 | FILM: The Prisoner of Zenda (1952). An Englishman agrees to pose as the king of a European country, but has to keep up the deception when the real monarch is kidnapped. Adventure, with Stewart Granger and James Mason. |
| 10.00 | Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape. The marine biologist creates a new walking trail on Barra. (R) |
| 11.00 | Homes Under the Hammer. Exploring properties in Lancashire, Derby and London. (R) |
| 12.00 | Great British Menu. The North East chefs prepare their starters. (R) |
| 12.30 | Great British Menu. The three chefs cook their fish courses. (R) |
| 1.00 | Great British Menu. The North East chefs prepare their main courses. (R) |
| 1.30 | FILM: Camelot (1967). King Arthur is happily married to Queen Guenevere, but the arrival of Sir Lancelot spells trouble for their relationship. Musical, starring Richard Harris and Vanessa Redgrave. |
| 4.20 | Flog It! From London Zoo in Regent's Park. (R) |
| 5.00 | Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World. How the world's smallest animals manage to survive. (R) |
| 6.00 | Golf: PGA Championship. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third day of the European Tour's flagship event from Wentworth in Surrey. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter. |
| 7.00 | Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life. The deserts of Mexico's northern region, home to animals like prairie dogs, pygmy owls and aplomado falcons that have adapted to thrive in these arid conditions. Last in the series. (R) |
| 8.00 | RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017. Monty Don and Joe Swift revisit highlights from the BBC's week-long coverage of this year's Chelsea Flower Show. |
| 9.00 | Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors. Lucy Worsley embarks on a road-trip across England to visit some of the many places that informed the central themes of home and property in Jane Austen's novels. |
| 10.00 | FILM: Quartet (2012). Three former singers' plans for a fundraising concert for their retirement home are disrupted by the arrival of a famous diva. Comedy drama, with Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly. |
| 11.30 | Versailles. William of Orange "tempts" the King to take the field against his Dutch army, so Queen Marie-Therese takes charge while Louis XIV is away at war. (R) Inside Versailles. (R) |
| 12.30 | FILM: Easy Money (2010). A student, a fugitive and a Mob enforcer's lives overlap through their involvement in organised crime. Thriller, with Joel Kinnaman, Matias Varela and Dragomir Masic. |
| 2.30 | This Is BBC2. |

| ITV | |
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| 6.00 | CITY: Bottom Knocker Street 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street 6.25 Sooty 6.35 Signed Stories: Share a Story 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Oddbods 7.05 Super 4 7.20 Marvel Avengers Assemble 7.45 Thunderbirds Are Go 8.10 Ben 10 |
| 8.25 | ITV News. |
| 8.30 | Weekend. With Katy Brand, Paul Zerdin and Una Healy. |
| 9.25 | The Home Game. A Southampton couple invest £175,000 to modernise their home. (R) |
| 10.20 | Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R) |
| 11.15 | Tippling Point. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine in the hope of winning up to £10,000. (R) |
| 12.20 | ITV News and Weather; Weather. |
| 12.30 | Bigheads. Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show. (R) |
| 1.30 | The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R) |
| 2.30 | FILM: Mission: Impossible (1996). A secret agent is accused of betraying his fellow spies, and sets out on a mission to clear his name. Action thriller based on the 1960s TV series, with Tom Cruise and Jon Voight. |
| 4.35 | Catchphrase. Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R) |
| 5.20 | Britain's Got More Talent. Stephen Mulhern hosts the companion show to the talent competition. |
| 6.15 | ITV News Central; Weather. |
| 6.25 | ITV News and Weather. |
| 6.45 | Take Me Out. An account manager from Leeds, a housing executive from Belfast, a professional BMX rider from Portsmouth and an IT manager from Exeter try to impress 30 women and win a date. |
| 8.00 | Britain's Got Talent. The talent contest's audition phase draws to a close as Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, David Walliams and Amanda Holden select one last set of acts to send through to the semi-finals. |
| 9.20 | The Keith and Paddy Picture Show. Keith Lemon and Paddy McGuinness present their version of Jaws, guest starring Stephen Tompkinson, Myleene Klass and Hank Osasuna. |
| 9.50 | FILM: Jaws (1975). A seaside town's police chief has to deal with a giant killer shark preying on tourists. Steven Spielberg's thriller, starring Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Shaw. |
| 10.50 | ITV News and Weather; Weather. |
| 11.05 | FILM: Jaws (1975). Concluded. |
| 12.25 | Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. |
| 3.00 | Who's Doing the Dishes? Nutritionist Gillian McKeith hosts a dinner party for four guests, who will win a cash prize if they can guess her identity from cryptic culinary clues. (R) |
| 3.50 | ITV Nightscreen. |

| Channel 4 | |
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| 6.05 | Motor Sport: British Rally Championship. The RSAC Scottish Rally. |
| 6.30 | Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2016. Action from the race. (R) |
| 7.30 | Everybody Loves Raymond. Marie and Debra fall out. (R) |
| 7.55 | Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray invests \$1,000 in a go-kart business. (R) |
| 8.20 | Frasier. A family wedding proves eventful. (R) |
| 8.55 | Frasier. A new radio personality becomes the talk of the town. (R) |
| 9.25 | Frasier. Bulldog has a brush with fame. (R) |
| 9.55 | Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Lee McKenzie presents. |
| 11.25 | Formula 1 Meets Claire Williams. An interview with the deputy team principal of the Williams F1 team. |
| 11.55 | Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage from the sixth round of the season at Circuit de Monaco (Start-time 1.00pm). |
| 2.30 | World's Most Expensive Cars. A rare Ferrari worth 19 million euros. |
| 3.30 | A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. A full-time academic is looking for a property on the Croatian island of Hvar. (R) |
| 4.30 | Big House, Little House. Two couples planning very different extensions. |
| 5.35 | Location, Location, Location. Two couples search for homes in Kent. (R) |
| 6.30 | Channel 4 News. |
| 7.00 | The Restoration Man. George Clarke meets a retired businessman who plans to restore a Georgian gazebo tower in Pembroke – a project threatened by changes in conservation laws. (R) |
| 8.00 | Walks with My Dog. Ben Fogle takes his Labrador along the banks of the Thames, Emma Kennedy and her maltipoo puppy visit the Lake District, and Helen Skelton and her dog are in Dumfries and Galloway. |
| 9.00 | FILM: The World's End (2013). Five childhood friends reunite for a pub crawl in their home town, only to stumble on a threat to the entire human race. Sci-fi comedy, with Simon Pegg. |
| 11.10 | FILM: Die Hard 2 (1990). A lone cop battles terrorists who have taken over an airport to force the release of a convicted drug baron. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. |
| 1.25 | Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Charlie's Italian bistro in La Verne, southern California. (R) |
| 2.20 | The Last Leg. The regulars take a comic review of the past seven days. (R) |
| 3.15 | Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Cleo and Joel share a moment as Prince and Hunter celebrate their birthday, and there is some miscommunication between Hunter and Neeta. (R) |
| 5.25 | Shipping Wars UK. Russell transports a houseboat from Liverpool to Nuneaton. (R) |
| 5.55 | FILM: Weekend of a Champion (2013). Documentary exploring a 1971 meeting between Roman Polanski and Jackie Stewart. |

| Channel 5 | |
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| 6.00 | Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey 6.05 Milkshake! Bop Box 6.10 The Mr Men Show 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Peppa Pig 6.30 Wissper 6.40 Paw Patrol 6.50 Bob the Builder 7.00 Fireman Sam 7.10 Olly the Little White Van 7.15 Olly the Little White Van 7.25 Paw Patrol 7.55 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.20 Noddy: Toyland Detective 8.35 Wissper 9.00 Shimmer and Shine 9.10 Little Princess 9.25 Peppa Pig 9.35 Peppa Pig 9.45 Peppa Pig 9.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 10.10 | The Fairly OddParents. (R) |
| 10.45 | Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) |
| 11.10 | Police Interceptors: Dog Squad. (R) |
| 12.05 | Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. Immigrants claiming welfare to support children back in their home countries. (R) |
| 1.05 | Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. People living on state welfare in the seaside village of Jaywick, Essex. (R) |
| 2.05 | Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. Young people living on state welfare. (R) |
| 3.05 | The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A Monmouthshire man fenced in by his neighbours. (R) |
| 4.00 | Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. A debtor's friends try to take on two agents. (R) |
| 5.00 | Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Two agents evict a tenant who is £14,000 in rent arrears. (R) |
| 6.00 | Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. The agents chase up a £3,000 deposit owed by a landlord to his tenant, and officers try to recover £25,000 from a nightclub owner for unpaid solicitor fees. (R) |
| 7.00 | Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Action from the second one-dayer in the three-match series, held at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, as the sides warmed up for the ICC Champions Trophy. |
| 8.00 | 5 News Weekend. |
| 8.05 | NCIS: Los Angeles. Part one of two. The agents investigate when two men are killed at a gun shop, but soon discover one of their colleagues could be at risk. |
| 8.55 | NCIS. The team, alongside the FBI and MI6, continues the international manhunt for a disgraced British spy, while a colleague fights for their life in the ICU. |
| 9.50 | NCIS: Act of Vengeance. Feature-length episode. The team reels in the wake of the terrorist attack, but tries to avenge Kate's death by collecting as much information as possible on Ari. (R) |
| 11.40 | Undercover Benefits Cheat. Paul Connolly goes undercover as a benefits claimant in order to expose fraudsters, beginning with those who claim housing support while subletting. |
| 12.10 | SuperCasino. |
| 3.10 | FILM: The Punisher (1989). Vigilante thriller, starring Dolph Lundgren. |
| 4.40 | Access. (R) |
| 4.50 | House Doctor. (R) |
| 5.15 | Wildlife SOS. (R) |
| 5.40 | Angels of Jarm. (R) |

May 28



Antiques Roadshow
7.30pm
Fiona Bruce presents the show from an 18th-century cotton mill on the banks of the River Clyde. Among the items brought in to be valued are a pearl necklace bought cheaply at a car boot sale, a rare cuddly toy found in a skip, and a valuable clock.



Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run
12pm
Ore Oduba presents coverage of the 15th staging of the event, as approximately 30,000 runners take part. Another stellar cast of athletes are set to be involved, including former marathon world record holder Wilson Kipsang of Kenya.



Bigheads
7pm
Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show in which the winning contestants from the past five episodes return to compete in a final series of bizarre physical challenges while wearing giant model heads of celebrities, with a convertible car as the grand prize.



Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge
8pm
Dick Strawbridge and Will Hardie meet the teams working on a cabin inspired by a national coal pit and a modernist design made entirely from slate. Dick also travels to East Sussex to visit a cabin modelled on an airship cockpit.



When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong
9pm
Andi Peters narrates a compilation of classic children's TV mishaps, featuring contributions from presenters including Sarah Greene, Sally James, Pat Sharp, Gaz Top, Toby Anstis, as well as John Leeson, the actor who played Rainbow's giant teddy bear Bungle.

| BBC1 | |
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| 6.00 | Breakfast. |
| 8.25 | MOTD: FA Cup Final Highlights. |
| | Arsenal v Chelsea. (R) |
| 9.00 | The Andrew Marr Show. |
| 10.00 | The Big Questions. Religious and ethical debates from Harris Academy, Peckham. |
| 11.00 | Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up. |
| 12.15 | Bargain Hunt. From Hexham, Northumberland. (R) |
| 1.00 | BBC News; Weather. |
| 1.15 | Homes Under the Hammer. Properties about to be auctioned in Kent, Carlisle and Stoke-on-Trent. (R) |
| 2.15 | Money for Nothing. Sarah Moore transforms items saved from an Altrincham tip. (R) |
| 3.00 | Flog It! Some of the best unseen finds from the show's valuation days. (R) |
| 3.45 | Shop Well for Less? Alex Jones and Steph McGovern help the Murphy family in the West Midlands. Last in the series. (R) |
| 4.45 | Points of View. Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments. |
| 5.00 | Songs of Praise. Music and worship. |
| 5.35 | Escape to the Country. Golf enthusiasts search for a home in the Cotswolds. (R) |
| 6.05 | BBC News. |
| 6.20 | Midlands Today; Weather. |
| 6.30 | Countryfile. A round-up of reports on spring, including the return of tulips to Lincolnshire's farmlands, an influx of migrating jellyfish in Cornwall and a visit to Exeter's livestock market. |
| 7.30 | Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from an 18th-century cotton mill on the banks of the River Clyde, where a painting is a reminder of its owner's uncomfortable family secret. |
| 8.30 | Damilaola, Our Loved Boy. Fact-based drama revealing how Richard and Gloria Taylor coped in their personal lives as they fought for justice for the killing of their son. Babou Ceesay and Wunmi Mosaku star. (R) |
| 10.00 | BBC News. |
| 10.25 | Midlands Today; Weather. |
| 10.35 | Room 101 - Extra Storage. Extended version of the comedy panel show in which Frank Skinner invites Claudia Winkleman, John Humphrys and Russell Kane to compete for the chance of banishing their pet hates. (R) |
| 11.15 | Murder in Successville. A retrospective of the best bits from series three, as DI Sleet reflects on his crime fighting career and tries to reconcile his dual identities. Last in the series. |
| 11.45 | The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level. |
| 12.20 | FILM: Lucky Them (2013). A journalist is assigned to track down a rock star she once had a relationship with, who has since disappeared. Comedy drama, with Toni Collette and Thomas Haden Church. |
| 1.50 | Weather for the Week Ahead. |
| 1.55 | BBC News. |

| BBC2 | |
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| 6.15 | Around the World in 80 Gardens. The gardens of South East Asia. Last in the series. (R) |
| 7.15 | The Instant Gardener. An overgrown garden in Bradford. (R) |
| 8.00 | The Beechgrove Garden. The team starts work on their bedding plants. |
| 8.30 | Countryfile. Exploring the Clyde Valley. (R) |
| 9.30 | Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series. |
| 11.00 | Great British Menu. The North East chefs prepare desserts. (R) |
| 11.30 | Great British Menu. The two remaining North East chefs compete. (R) |
| 12.00 | Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Coverage of the 15th staging of the event. |
| 2.30 | Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. The Prefontaine Classic. |
| 3.30 | Rowing: European Championships Highlights. Action from Racice in the Czech Republic. |
| 5.00 | Athletics: Great Manchester Run Highlights. Action from the 15th annual staging of the 10k race. |
| 6.00 | Golf: PGA Championship. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the final day of the European Tour's flagship event from Wentworth in Surrey. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter. |
| 7.00 | Dragons' Den. The panel assesses the profit-making potential of business plans for wearable maps, interference-free guitar cables and keys for manhole covers. Evan Davis presents. (R) |
| 8.00 | The Life Swap Adventure. New series. Volunteers swap places with people from other countries, beginning with an overworked fire officer from Essex and a farmer in Malawi fearful for his family's future. |
| 9.00 | Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip. New series. The Bake Off judge takes a series of road trips across Europe, beginning with a six-day drive through Italy, where he is joined by Strictly Come Dancing's Bruno Tonioli. |
| 10.00 | White Gold. Comedy drama set in a double-glazing showroom in Essex in the 1980s, where the unscrupulous salesmen are led by the charismatic Vincent Swan. Ed Westwick stars. (R) |
| 10.30 | FILM: The Damned United (2009). Fact-based drama chronicling Brian Clough's fraught and controversial 44-day tenure as manager of Leeds United in 1974. Starring Michael Sheen. |
| 12.00 | FILM: Easy Money II (2012). A drug smuggler makes plans to go straight when he gets out of prison, but his past catches up with him. Crime thriller sequel, starring Joel Kinnaman. |
| 1.35 | Sign Zone: Question Time. Topical debate from Belfast, chaired by David Dimbleby. (R) |
| 2.35 | Sign Zone: Holby City. Lofty is unexpectedly confronted with his past and realises that he has to come to terms with the life-changing choices he has made, while Mo is ecstatic to be offered Jac's job. (R) |
| 3.35 | This Is BBC2. |

| ITV | |
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| 6.00 | CITV: Bottom Knocker Street |
| 6.10 | Bottom Knocker Street |
| 6.35 | Sooty |
| 6.35 | Signed Stories: Share a Story |
| 6.40 | Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures |
| 6.50 | Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures |
| 7.00 | Thunderbirds |
| 7.05 | Super 4 |
| 7.20 | Marvel Avengers Assemble |
| 7.45 | Thunderbirds Are Go |
| 8.10 | Ben 10 |
| 8.25 | ITV News. |
| 8.30 | Weekend. With guests Ed Westwick, Rick Edwards and Gareth Gates. |
| 9.25 | Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. The presenter heads to Old Harry Rocks in Dorset. (R) |
| 10.00 | Peston on Sunday. Political magazine. |
| 10.55 | Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R) |
| 11.55 | Judge Rinder. Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R) |
| 1.00 | ITV News and Weather; Weather. |
| 1.05 | Tipping Point. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R) |
| 2.05 | The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R) |
| 3.05 | Britain's Got Talent. The talent contest's audition phase draws to a close. (R) |
| 4.15 | FILM: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977). James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. |
| 6.40 | ITV News Central; Weather. |
| 6.45 | ITV News and Weather. |
| 7.00 | Bigheads. The winning contestants from the past five episodes return to face more physical challenges while wearing giant model heads of celebrities. With Jason Manford. Last in the series. |
| 8.00 | The Durrells. The family's maid goes into labour, so Larry rushes to fetch Dr Petrides. However, he finds the doctor right in the middle of delivering his own wife's baby. Last in the series. |
| 9.00 | Grantchester. Sidney resolves to resign from the church so he can marry Amanda. However, a child abduction and Geordie's family problems make him see how much he is needed. Last in the series. |
| 10.00 | ITV News and Weather; Weather. |
| 10.20 | Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. Allegra Stratton presents a guide to the latest issues on social media. (R) |
| 11.20 | Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present highlights of the final, as Exeter Chiefs or Saracens faced Wasps or Leicester Tigers at Twickenham. Last in the series. |
| 12.15 | Lethal Weapon. A series of violent crimes all connect to a specific church. (R) |
| 1.00 | Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. |
| 3.00 | Motorsport UK. Highlights from Donington Park. (R) |
| 3.50 | ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. |
| 5.05 | The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R) |

| Channel 4 | |
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| 7.30 | Frasier. The psychiatrist feels insecure. (R) |
| 8.00 | Frasier. Niles tries to ask Daphne for a date. (R) |
| 8.30 | Frasier. Rick's family traits concern Roz. (R) |
| 9.00 | Sunday Brunch. With guests Frank Skinner, Sheree Murphy, Mark Wright, Marcus Brigstocke and Alexis Conran. |
| 12.00 | Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live Build-Up. Previewing the sixth round of the season. |
| 12.35 | Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the sixth round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). |
| 3.10 | Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live Reaction. A review of the sixth round of the season. |
| 4.30 | World's Most Expensive Cars. Six racing cars are taken for a test drive in the Arizona desert. |
| 5.30 | George Clarke's Old House, New Home. George takes on a challenging period property in Newquay. (R) |
| 6.30 | Channel 4 News. |
| 7.00 | The Supertv. A German pointer struggling to walk must have spinal surgery or face the prospect of being put to sleep, while a Leonberger has a tumour removed from its leg. (R) |
| 8.00 | Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge. Dick Strawbridge and Will Hardie visit a cabin inspired by a national coal pit and a modernist design made entirely from slate. Plus, a look at an airship-inspired cabin in Sussex. |
| 9.00 | The Handmaid's Tale. New series. Dystopian drama based on Margaret Atwood's novel about a future American theocracy, starring Elisabeth Moss as a woman who is kept as a slave purely for breeding. |
| 10.15 | Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R) |
| 11.15 | Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game. The comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire, regaling his audience with tales of middle age, marriage and a man's prerogative. (R) |
| 12.50 | Arnie's Greatest Ever Stunts. The actor examines the most spectacular stunts committed to film, ranking Hollywood set-pieces alongside standalone feats such as Felix Baumgartner's free fall to Earth. (R) |
| 2.15 | FILM: Blue Ruin (2014). A homeless drifter hears that the man who murdered his parents has been released from jail and decides to track down and kill him. Thriller, starring Macon Blair and Devin Ratray. |
| 3.50 | Location, Location, Location. Revisiting house-hunters in Kent and Edinburgh. (R) |
| 4.45 | Jamie's Comfort Food. Lobster macaroni and cheese. (R) |
| 4.55 | Jamie's Comfort Food. Spaghetti vongole. (R) |
| 5.05 | KOTV Boxing Weekly. |
| 5.30 | Gillette World Sport. Including an insight America's Cup outfit Groupama Team France. |

| Channel 5 | |
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| 6.00 | Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey 6.05 Mr Men 6.15 Peppa Pig 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Wiggles 6.35 Paw Patrol 6.45 Bob the Builder 7.00 Fireman Sam 7.10 Olly the Little White Van 7.15 Olly the Little White Van 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.45 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.05 Noddy: Toyland Detective 8.25 Wiggles 8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.50 Shimmer and Shine 9.05 Little Princess 9.20 Peppa Pig 9.30 Peppa Pig 9.40 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9.50 | The Fairly OddParents. Double bill. Mr Crocker stops believing in fairies. (R) |
| 10.25 | The Gadget Show. A Parrot Disco fixed-wing drone is tested against a more traditional quadcopter. (R) |
| 11.20 | Police Interceptors. Kev and Steve go on the hunt for suspected heroin dealers. (R) |
| 12.20 | Police Interceptors. Justin Moffitt and Paul Faulkner chase down a gang of suspected car thieves. (R) |
| 1.15 | Police Interceptors: Under Attack. Footage of assaults on members of the unit. (R) |
| 2.15 | FILM: Open Season 3 (2010). Animated adventure, with the voice of Matthew J. Munn. |
| 3.45 | FILM: Pudsey the Dog: The Movie (2014). Family comedy, starring Jessica Hynes. |
| 5.30 | Most Shocking Talent Show Moments. A countdown of memorable incidents and controversial contestants. (R) |
| 5.55 | News Weekend. |
| 8.00 | Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud. Iain Lee narrates a compilation of internet videos involving holidays, including a man who thought he was filming Las Vegas but actually had the camera pointed at himself. |
| 9.00 | When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong. Andi Peters narrates a compilation of classic children's TV mishaps, including a fire in the Blue Peter studio. With Sarah Greene, Sally James, Pat Sharp, Gaz Top and Toby Anstis. |
| 12.00 | Football on 5: The Play-offs. Blackpool v Exeter City. |
| 12.25 | Dumb Drivers: Caught in the Act. Iain Lee presents videos featuring motorists and motorcyclists getting into all sorts of scrapes, including show-offs behind the wheel, lucky escapes and poor parkers. (R) |
| 1.15 | SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. |
| 3.10 | Top 20 Funniest. A countdown of the funniest video clips in America. |
| 3.55 | Access. Showbiz news and gossip. (R) |
| 4.00 | World's Most Pampered Pets. Documentary about people who spoil their pets, searching for the animal with the most lavish lifestyle and featuring a look at the world's most expensive accessories. (R) |
| 4.50 | House Doctor. Home improvement highlights from the series. (R) |
| 5.15 | Wildlife SOS. The work of volunteers at a wildlife sanctuary. (R) |
| 5.40 | Angels of Jarm. (R) |

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This Fiesta is hot, hot, hot and epic!

By Anthony Martyn

Ford has taken one of the best cars it has ever made – the Fiesta ST – and improved it. More power, new suspension and improved steering have all been added to the already impressive mix, and let's make no bones about it, the result is absolutely epic.

You actually have to be a little bit of an anorak to differentiate the ST200 from the standard ST, because they actually look pretty much identical. Both get the same wide honeycomb grille and the same oversized roof spoiler, but there is one big giveaway.

That Storm Grey paint job is your only option when it comes to picking out your ST200, and as you can't have it on a normal ST, it's a bit of a tell-tale. It'll certainly draw the attention of any boy racer who knows his cars, although whether that's good or bad is a matter of opinion. When said boy racer does come snooping, though, he'll spot a few subtler features than the paintwork. Those black alloys, for example, are model-specific, as are the red brake calipers that lurk behind.

Inside, there's another big clue in the shape of the massive ST200 badge that sits proudly on the centre console, while the more knowledgeable observer might also spot the grey trim on the supportive Recaro seats.

Because the ST200 is just a Fiesta, it comes with all the practicality of a normal 1.0-litre EcoBoost. Room in the front is plentiful, but adults wouldn't want to sit in the back for too long, thanks to a spine-twisting lack of rear headroom. In truth, though, rear passenger space is an issue for most of the Fiesta's rivals, so it's unfair to criticise too much.

The Fiesta's boot space is relatively competitive, too, if not quite on a par with the



The boot space is relatively competitive

class leaders. At 290 litres, it's far larger than that of the Polo GTI and just two litres smaller than the Seat Ibiza Cupra's luggage bay.

To drive, the Fiesta ST is brilliant, but the ST200 is on another planet. Let's deal with the speed first, because we can quantify that. As the name suggests, the ST200's 1.6-litre turbocharged engine produces 200 metric horsepower, or 197bhp, which represents an 18bhp increase compared with the basic ST. It's more complicated than that, though, because a transient overboost function means 212bhp is actually available for short periods.

The result is a 0-62mph time of 6.7 seconds and a top speed of 143mph. It may not sound like a big improvement on the ST – a car only two-tenths slower to 62mph and just 4mph behind at full chat – but the ST200 does feel much meatier thanks to increased torque and shortened gear ratios.

It sounds great, too, thanks to some glorious whooshes from the turbo wastegate when changing gear and a twin exhaust that produces a fruity bubble when the pedal's



More power, new suspension and improved steering have been added to the already impressive mix

depressed even slightly. More impressive, though, is the way this car goes around corners. The steering weight is almost perfect, the balance is sublime and body roll is controlled in just the right measure. You've got plenty of grip, too. If you want to enjoy any one of the world's greatest driving roads, this is the car to do it in.

It's still pretty capable if all you want to do is get to work, though. The ride is firm and informative without being too uncomfortable,

and you've got all the usual practicalities of the Fiesta. Ford even claims it'll manage 46mpg if you're careful, but if you've bought an ST200, the chances are you won't be careful at all.

The ST200 is an incredible piece of kit, but it isn't cheap. It'll set you back £22,745, which is more than enough to buy you a reasonably well-equipped Focus. In fact, it's the same price as the basic Focus ST-1.

That means that for the same money you

could have something that's two-tenths faster to 62mph, breaks the 150mph barrier and offers more practicality.

Alternatively, you could save about £3,000 and buy a really well-equipped Fiesta ST-3, which would be just as practical and only slightly slower than the 200.

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The Airtop tent was designed by MINI in conjunction with Autohome, the Italian roof tent specialists, to clip on to the MINI Countryman's standard roof rails for owners who want to get out into the wild – or fancy a weekend at a music festival.

Unlike some SUV rivals all versions of the Countryman, which was revamped this spring and had a new performance flagship added to the family, can be bought with four wheel drive (an extra £1,600 over the base price).

Prices for the entry level model start at £22,465. The new performance flagship is the four wheel drive John Cooper Works model, costing from £30,875 and powered by a 2.0 litre petrol engine, capable of tackling the 0 to 62mph dash in just 6.5 seconds. Top speed (if you find yourself on an autobahn) is 145mph.

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First Teams Premier Division

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Knowle & D. | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 67 |
| Barns Green | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 64 |
| Berkswell | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 63 |
| Shrewsbury | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| WB Dartmouth | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| Kenilworth W | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 48 |
| Walsall | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 48 |
| Barn Green | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 47 |
| Brockhampton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| Wolverhampton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 34 |
| Dorridge | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 23 |
| Kidderminster | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 16 |

Division One

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Smethwick | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 85 |
| Beaconsfield | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 82 |
| Tarnworth | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 54 |
| Shifnal | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| Himley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 48 |
| Bromsgrove | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 48 |
| Moseley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 48 |
| Wellington | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 45 |
| Alstock | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 |
| Altrincham | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 31 |
| Leamington | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 22 |
| Walsley | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 |

Division Two

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Fordhouses | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Oswestry | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Coveney & N.W. | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 64 |
| Shedden | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| Wombourne | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 54 |
| Old Elizabethans | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 46 |
| Sutton Coldfield | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 44 |
| Old Hill | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 34 |
| Pershore | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 34 |
| C & R Hawks | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| Penkridge | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 33 |
| Halesowen | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17 |

Division Three

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Newbridge | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 74 |
| Stratford | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 74 |
| Newport | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| Stratford-U-Avon | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 59 |
| Leigham | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 58 |
| Milford Hall | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| Brewod | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 48 |
| Streely | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| Worce Nomads | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| Hardsworth | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 28 |
| Nuneaton | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 14 |

Second Teams Premier Division

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Shifnal | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 |
| Kenilworth W | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Walsley | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 |
| Leamington | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| Wolverhampton | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 50 |
| Moseley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 44 |
| Halesowen | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 35 |
| Brockhampton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 34 |
| Harborne | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 29 |
| Knowle & D. | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 28 |
| Ashwood Bank | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 24 |
| Himley | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 23 |

Division One

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| WB Dartmouth | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 65 |
| Berkswell | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 64 |
| Coveney & N.W. | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 54 |
| Alstock | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 50 |
| Kidderminster | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 47 |
| Old Elizabethans | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| Tarnworth | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| Bromsgrove | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| Walsall | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| Barn Green | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 32 |
| Smethwick | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 31 |

Division Two North

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Shrewsbury | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 80 |
| Newport | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 66 |
| Oswestry | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 65 |
| Wellington | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 60 |
| Stratford-U-Avon | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 52 |
| Brighnorton | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| Brewod | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 48 |
| Milford Hall | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 42 |
| Penkridge | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 42 |
| C & R Hawks | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| Lichfield | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 21 |
| Sentinel | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 16 |

Division Two South

| P | W | D | L | T | A | P |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Nuneaton | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Wombourne | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 |
| Old Hill | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 |
| Streely | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| Worce Nomads | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 49 |
| Pershore | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 45 |
| Dorridge | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 45 |
| Hardsworth | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 37 |
| Stourbridge | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 35 |
| Sutton Coldfield | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| Stratford-U-Avon | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 33 |
| Barns Green | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 14 |

Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier Division

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Whitchurch | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 88 |
| Brosley | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 87 |
| Ludlow | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 71 |
| Worfield | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 57 |
| Newtown | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 |
| Quatt | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 55 |
| Wem | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 55 |
| Frankton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 42 |
| Woolerston | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 42 |
| Market Drayton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 40 |
| St Georges | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 28 |
| Albington | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 |

Division 2

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Bornere Heath | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 81 |
| Cound | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 76 |
| Shelton | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 61 |
| Weshlop | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 57 |
| Conover | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 56 |
| Beacon | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Worfield | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 48 |
| Knockin & K | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 47 |
| Forton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 39 |
| Montgomery | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 18 |

Division 3

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Strollers | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 92 |
| Abergavenny | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| Garnons | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 61 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 57 |
| Moas | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 57 |
| Goodrich | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 |
| Garnons | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 55 |

Division 3

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Cae Glas | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 88 |
| Harpers | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| Llandudno | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 67 |
| Iscoyd & FB | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 65 |
| Calverhall | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 62 |
| Ludlow | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 55 |
| Chelmarsh | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 55 |
| St Georges | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 44 |
| Trysull & S | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 42 |
| Alton Reynold | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 40 |
| Much Wenlock | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 |
| Corvedale | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Division 4

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Brighnorton | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 76 |
| Allscott | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 75 |
| Overton-on-Dee | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 71 |
| Guilfield | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 53 |
| Hinstock | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 46 |
| Quayside | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 42 |
| Coton Hall | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 31 |
| Llanidies | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 38 |
| Oswestry | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 27 |
| Wroxeter Grove | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 14 |
| Harcourt | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

Second Teams Division 1

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Worfield | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 95 |
| Wem | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 71 |
| Wroxeter Grove | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 52 |
| Madley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 51 |
| St Georges | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 52 |
| Frankton | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 51 |
| Shelton | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 38 |
| Whitchurch | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 37 |
| Knockin & K | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 36 |
| Cound | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 35 |
| Albington | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 35 |
| Quatt | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 26 |

Division 2

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Wellington | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 89 |
| Shifnal | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 77 |
| Market Drayton | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 75 |
| Beacon | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 70 |
| Monterney | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| Llleshall | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 62 |
| Bornere Heath | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 59 |
| Albington | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 45 |
| Pontesbury | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 45 |
| Ludlow | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 40 |
| Wiley | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 38 |
| Worfield | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 38 |
| Forton | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 28 |
| Brosley | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 27 |
| Conover | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 15 |
| Iscoyd & FB | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 14 |

Division 3

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| St Georges | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 70 |
| Alton Reynold | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 67 |
| Llleshall | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 64 |
| Beacon | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 60 |
| Cae Glas | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 60 |
| Quatt | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 47 |
| Pontesbury | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 45 |
| Wiley | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 38 |
| Worfield | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 38 |
| Forton | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 21 |
| Weshlop | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 |
| Bishops Castle | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15 |

Sunday Division 1

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Knockin & K | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 82 |
| Newport | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 66 |
| Albington | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 66 |
| Cound | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 67 |
| Wem | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 64 |
| Wellington | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 59 |
| Whitchurch | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 56 |
| Frankton | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 56 |
| Llleshall | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 48 |
| Sentinel | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 48 |
| Bornere Heath | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 22 |

Sunday Division 2

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Ludlow | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
| Wellington | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 54 |
| Knockin & K | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 50 |
| Market Drayton | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 49 |
| Sawestry | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 46 |
| Pontesbury | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 46 |
| Madley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 28 |
| Shrewsbury | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 28 |
| Woolerston | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| Brockhampton | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 32 |
| Llleshall | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 |

Marches Cricket League

Division 1

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Goodrich | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Kingdon | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| Garnons | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 58 |
| Barns Green | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 54 |
| Walsley | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 53 |
| Dorington | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 52 |
| Eastnor | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 50 |
| Ross on Wye | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 50 |
| Woolerston | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 48 |
| Knockin & K | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 39 |
| Prestige | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 28 |

Division 2

| P | W | D | L | C/A | P |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| Colwall | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 67 |
| Canon Frome | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 65 |
| Cleobury M | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 59 |
| Llanidies | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 57 |
| Ledbury | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 53 |
| Dorington | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 52 |
| Eastnor | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| Ross on Wye | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| Woolerston | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 48 |
| Knockin & K | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 47 |

Richardson first back as riders given a soaking

AFTER the sunshine of week one, riders got a soaking in round two of the Oswestry Paragon Time Trials series but the conditions failed to dampen the spirits of the 33 riders taking part, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

In first place was Stuart Proctor of Revolutions Racing who crossed the line in a course best time of exactly 22 minutes. Simon Lewis, of NFTO Race Club, was second in 22 minutes 31 seconds, finishing ahead of third placed Wrecsam Tri rider Dylan Roberts (23.25).

Fastest of the Paragon riders in fourth place overall was Tom Richardson who knocked nearly a minute of his previous week's time to finish in 24.02.

Chris Evans, of Brighton Mitre, took fifth position in 24.32, just ahead of a tie between new Paragon member Jolyon Henry and SYTri's Alex Beath (24.40).

Series

Two junior members managed to make it into the top 10 with Ryan Greaves of Mid Shropshire Wheelers finishing eighth in 24.50, just ahead of team mate Kieran Morris (25.00).

The final top 10 place was closely fought out between three Paragon members with Neil Coles (25.06) just getting the better of Andrew Davies (25.17) and Adam Riley (25.19).

There was a new personal best of 26.30 for Jack Young to increase his lead in the junior points series. One female junior also took part with Megan Jones of Mid Shropshire Wheelers finishing the course in 32.18.

TNS snap up Hudson as first signing

THE New Saints have made their first signing ahead of the Champions League qualifiers by landing former Wrexham and Chester defender Blaine Hudson.

The 25-year-old, who stands six foot three inches, is a former Norwich City schoolboy who was released after six years with Cambridge United.

He went on to join Wrexham in May 2014 and scored seven goals from 73 appearances, but was not offered a new contract by then manager Kevin Wilkin.

Hudson was one of six players released by Chester earlier this month for whom he scored twice from 30 National League appearances.

"Blaine has a lot of experience in the Conference which he will bring to the team, and is still only 25," said Saints manager Craig Harrison.

"He is a good, solid professional." Hudson is delighted to be joining the Saints, adding: "As soon as I knew Craig Harrison was interested, I told him myself I was interested in coming over and playing for him."

The new recruit fills the gap following the departure of Phil Baker who has left the club after 12 seasons with TNS.

The Welsh Premier champions have also released 20-year-old defender James Jones and Romanian Mihai Leca.

Forden host memorial football day

THE Andrew Lloyd Football Festival and fun day takes place at Forden on Saturday, June 17.

The day, held in memory of the young Forden footballer who sadly died in a car accident, will be held at his former club. The football tournament kicks off at 10am, followed by the family fun day which gets underway at noon.

Now in its fourth year and going from strength to strength raising money for the local community the event features extra attractions for this year's family fun day.

Monty shooters shine at W Mids event

COMPETITION was fierce as the regions sharp shooters took aim at the the West Midland 11's Air-gun Tournament at the Victoria Hall in Broseley.

Organised by Montgomeryshire's Alan Baker and supported on the day by members from all the participating leagues, it produced a fantastic tournament that was very well supported.

Taking part this year were five Bell Target leagues from around the region - Shrewsbury, Wenlock, Wolverhampton, Bridgnorth and the Montgomeryshire team which again made its mark.

There was shooting at a standard six-yard Bell Target, 10 shots, with a clean bull scoring 11, then 10, 9, 8 etc. The maximum score possible was 110.

Due to the fantastic competition and superb

standard of Bell Target shooting on show, trophies were distributed evenly all around the leagues.

The overall individual title went to Gareth (Gaz) Griffiths of the Shrewsbury League with a fantastic score of (107), closely followed by Monty's Richard Lewis, Donna Harris, and Wenlock team-mate Stuart Morgan, with all three sharing the runners-up spot on 106.

The ladies individual title went to Donna Harris of the Wenlock League with a terrific score of 106, with Monty duo Jane Thomas and Tabitha Corbett both scoring 104 to claim equal runners-up.

The overall junior individual title was dominated by the Monty trio, with Tabitha Corbett taking the title with 104, and Joe Hilditch (101) claiming run-

ners up, and Aaron Knight (100) getting third

Bridgnorth's Peter Goodwin won the seniors crown with 104, and Paul Hopkis, of Wolverhampton, was runner-up with 103.

The preselected team of four was won by the Montgomeryshire League of Paul Phillips, Martin Pearce, Richard Lewis and Richard Morgan, with a combined score of 414. Runners-up spot taken by the Wenlock League with a combined score of (411).

The preselected pairs title also went to the Montgomeryshire pair of Paul Phillips and Richard Lewis with a combined score of 208 with two other Monty pairs of Jane Thomas and Paul Gwilliam and Richard Morgan and Martin Pearce sharing the runners-up spot.

U21s hold nerve to win cup spot prize



Oswestry line up with the cup (back from left): deputy manager Stuart Paterson, Nathan Martin, Will Richards, Gareth Jones, Jonnie Mitchell, Jordan Evans, manager Richard Adams, trainer Matty Owens (front): Scott Valley, Tristan Lloyd, Ed Rogers, Azza Davies, Jamie Hands, Corry Jones, Callum Paterson, Luke Mackenzie, Harry Evans. ■ Pic: GA Wilkinson.

FC OSWESTRY Town were spot on as they landed the Mercian Shropshire Under-21s League Cup with a tense penalty shoot-out victory over AFC Bridgnorth.

Town entered the final at AFC Telford's New Bucks Head stadium full of confidence after beating their cup final opponents and eventual league winners two weeks earlier.

They soared into a 4-1 lead, but Bridgnorth then fought back to take the game into a penalty shoot-out at 4-4 following three late replies, before Town prevailed 4-3 in the spot kick decider.

Managed by Rich Adams and Stuart Paterson, the under-21s started the game brightly and were in front on 10 minutes when Bridgnorth failed to clear a dangerous attack and midfielder Jonny Mitchell pounced to fire past keeper Stephen Chettor. However, the lead was short lived as Bridgnorth, after stepping up the pressure, took their opportunity to equalise in the 28th minute.

George Minshall came off the FC Oswestry bench just before half-time and was given the task of leading the line.

The substitute changed the game, giving Town another attacking dimension with his hard work and

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

relentless closing down soon paying off when his side were awarded a penalty kick.

Ed Rogers regained possession but was then brought down inside the Bridgnorth area and Tristan Lloyd stepped up to coolly convert from the spot to restore the lead at the interval.

Town came out with real purpose in the second half, and were rewarded with two goals putting them in charge.

It was that man Minshall who scored the third from a well placed pass, and the game seemed dead and buried when Jamie Hands added a fourth in the 72nd minute with a clinical strike after some neat footwork.

Town had three golden opportunities to extend their lead even further with new father Aaron Davies and then Scott Valley spurning one-on-one chances while Hands came even closer by hitting the upright from close range.

Bridgnorth made the most of the 'roll on, roll off' substitution rule with several experienced first and reserve team players being brought on to the field with 20 minutes remaining.

This experience came to the fore by using their clear physical presence and height from two set pieces and a cross into the box pulling back three goals in quick succession to level the game at four goals a piece.

Town were hanging on at the end and did well to see the game out until the final whistle, keeping the scores tied.

The back four consisting of Aaron Davies, Luke Mackenzie, Jordan Evans and Harry Evans were compact and worked well as a unit under severe pressure, while Nathan Martin played an important role defensively when coming off the bench late on.

Due to a problem with AFC Telford's floodlights the game went straight to penalties and the momentum was strongly in the hands of the Bridgnorth team by this point.

However, FC Oswestry showed great character by winning the penalty shootout 4-3 with goalkeeper Gareth Jones saving Bridgnorth's third and fourth penalties in spectacular fashion. Goalscorers for The Park Hall based team in the shootout were Hands, Minshall and Callum Patterson before the winning penalty was netted by Valley to complete a terrific first season in the Mercian Shropshire under-21 league.

Ten-man Llan win extra-time thriller

TEN-MAN Llanrhaeadr dug deep to reach the final of the MP Foulkes Montgomeryshire Cup with a thrilling 6-4 extra-time victory over Aberaeron.

Looking to shrug off their Spar Mid Wales League Cup final loss to Berriew a few days before, Llan made a storming start as they led 3-0 after 17 minutes.

But Aberaeron, this season's Central Wales Cup winners, rallied with a four-goal blast to carve a 4-3 lead before Ben White took the semi-final into extra-time.

Galvanised by the reply, Llan then finished strongly, with Iwan Matthews completing his hat-trick to clinch a final place against either Llanfair United or Berriew.

Llanrhaeadr could not have wished for a better start as they took a second minute lead through Tom Evans.

Matthews then struck twice, his second from the penalty spot after Evans had been brought

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

down in the box.

They appeared to be coasting, but Aberaeron were in no mood to surrender as they hit back to reduce the arrears to 3-2 at the break before another brace after the interval gave them the lead.

With Llan down to 10 men after Dan Kelly had been dismissed for his second booking, they looked to be up against it, but took the tie into extra time when White converted an Iain Edmunds cross.

Buoyed by the leveller, Evans then gave his side the lead 13 minutes into the extra period with his second goal of the game.

Matthews then settled the issue when completing his hat-trick three minutes from time from a counter attack after Aberaeron had thrown players forward.

The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HENLE PARK

Invitation Day: M Brand, M Shaw, D Thomas & L Jones 92pts; M Pugh-Jones, C Pugh, D Lawlor & R Lawlor 91pts; Williams, D Southwell, D S Jones & J Jones 84pts. Hole in 1: Stewart Page.

Dave Salter 9 Hole Comp: Mike Jones 22pts; Pete Grimley 20pts (cb); Paul Hampson 20pts.

May Stableford Division 1: John Heath 38pts (cb); Andrew Eaton 38pts; John M Evans 38pts. Division 2: Eugene Williams 38pts; Geoff Gill 36pts; Ian Griffiths 34pts. Division 3: Dawn Lawlor 38pts; Ian Roberts 37pts; John Price 35pts.

Seniors' Cup (Medal) Division 1: Tony Hart nett 59; Peter Nuttall nett 62; John Postle nett 72. Division 2: Peter Coombes nett 66; Steve Jones nett 67; Geoff Bellis nett 72.

HILL VALLEY
Ladies' Stableford (Sapphire): I Stiles 38pts (31); G Thomas 34pts (19); C Ellwood 32pts (22).

EWGA Medal (Emerald): I Stiles 103-31=72; S Coupe 86-12=74; C Ellwood 97-22=75.

LEOMINSTER

Wednesday Roll-Up Front 9 Division 1: Simon Morgan 20pts; Shane Jones 19pts; Jamie Mee 18pts. Division 2: Gary Fletcher 21pts (cb); Nick Milne-Brown 21pts (cb); Julie Powell 21pts. Division 3: Gary Stinton 22pts; Tony Dallow 21pts; Tony Williams 21pts (cb). Twos: Phil Lawrenson and Gary Stinton.

Wednesday Roll-Up Back 9 Division 1: Phil Lawrenson 19pts; Craig Brimmell 18pts (cb); Simon Morgan 18pts. Division 2: Nick Milne-Brown 21pts (cb); Graham Lloyd 21pts; Adrian Morris 18pts (cb). Division 3: Malcolm Clark 20pts; John Stevenson 19pts; Leigh Barington 17pts (cb). Twos: Simon Morgan, Jack Castle, Sam Watson and Jamie Griffiths.

Stewart Thomson Memorial Trophy Winner: Rob Tracy (19) 39pts; Tom Tandler (23) 38pts (cb); Gary Stinton (21) 38pts; Julian Morris (13) 38pts; Jason Stacey (17) 38pts.

Seniors' Stableford: Kevin Rivers (19) 41pts; Carl Maddox (24) 39pts; Trevor Perry (23) 37pts (cb). Twos: Ron Plant, Kevin Rivers, Ian Fraser and Mike Williams.

Mixed Open Greensomes (12 clubs represented): Ian Robertson & Kath Parsons (LGC) 42pts; Mike & Arne Belshaw (Church Stretton GC) 40pts; Hugh and Debbie Jones (St Giles GC) 36pts. Nearest 6th Pin: Geraldine Kelly (LGC). Nearest 14th Pin: Stuart Plested (Ludlow GC). Longest Drives (Ladies): Lorna Sneddon (Brecon GC).

Men: Richard Cattermole (LGC). Twos: Stuart & Ros Plested (Ludlow GC) and Lesley Turbutt & Mike Privett (LGC).

LLANYMYNECH

Midweek League (9 Hole Stableford): Gary Evans 22pts; Martin Prince 21; Steve Jones 21; Steve Pritchard 20; Rod Lewis 20; Terry Williams 20; Keith Davies 20; Geoff Evans 20.

Medal Division 1: Tom Worley 71-6 =65; Merv Pugh 78-11=67; Terry Williams 75 =68; Robert Pugh 81-12=69. Division 2: Spencer Tomkins 86-18=88; Richard Sheehan 86-17=69; Jonathan Cleaton 83-13=70; Mark Chortton 88-18=70. Division 3: Roy Jones 94-24=70; Phil Davies 98-28=70; Dave Jones 98-26=72.

24 Cup Winner: Roy Jones.

LILLESHELL HALL

Ladies' Medal 4: A Drewnicki 89-15=74; C Sycamore 104-30=74; M Tomkinson 100-25=75; K Sanford 96-20=76.

Ruth Lee Salter: A Drewnicki 84-15=69; J Seager 101-29=72; J Cole 97-24=73; D Morton 86-12=74.

MILE END

Wednesday Social: Doug Stanyer 24pts; Richard Meyer 22pts; Mike Godfrey 22pts.

Sunday Social: Jenny Cattaneo, Keith Evans, Barry Lingard 46pts; Gary Turner, Keith Meyer, Angela Eke 46pts; Pat & Peter J Kenyon, Paul Eke 43pts.

Walker Tray: Ben Power +4; Paul Davies +4; Mike Godfrey +3. Nearest The Pin: Mike Godfrey 68cm.

Seniors' Over 55: Janet Bennett 46pts; Angela Eke 41pts; Amanda Rod 38pts. Over 70: Steve Ball 38pts; Brian Crutchfield 38pts; Keith Humphreys 37pts.

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Ladies' Tedsmore Bowl Bogy: Jean Williams +2; Rachel Wigley 0; Sarah Weaver -1 (card play off); Dorothy Mottram -1 (card play off); Geraldine Ede -1 (card play off).

SHREWSBURY

Men's Medal Competition Division 1: N Davies; M Wootton; J Maddox. Division 2: D Horley; R Jones; K Davies. Division 3: L Holroyd; D Evans; H Willis.

Ladies' Weekend Medal: Pat Turner 95-26=69; Helen Davies 86-12=74; Jean Evans 92-15=77.

WREKIN

Parton Jamieson Cup (Round 4 of 6): Alan Shorthose 54/18; Peter Gee 54/15; Trevor Kirk 57/9.

Watkins gets 31st spot in Pains Rally

WELSHPOOL rally driver James Watkins continued his fine start to the season on home surrounds.

With the opening round of the Pirelli MSA Welsh Forest Rally Championship cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and competitors able to discount their worst result of the season, everything was up for grabs in the Welshpool based Pains Rally - round three of the series.

Watkins finished a creditable 31st in a competitive field of 135 cars at the wheel of the Geoff Jones Motorsport Team prepared Subaru with Chris Whittall his co-driver.

The car ran faultlessly throughout with Watkins now holding fourth place among the Group N drivers, while Whittall lies third in the Group N co-driver category.

Whittington bowlers are maintaining super run

WHITTINGTON A maintained their upturn in fortunes in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one with a convincing 8-2 home success against Llanyrnnech A.

After losing their first three outings, Whittington have now won their last two to move up to mid-table, with their latest victory against Llany courtesy of 41 shots (153-112).

Julian Turner was their best of the night with a 21-3 win, while Aled Davies and Ben Hampson both came through to nine.

Llany, who still lie a respectable fourth in the table in their first season back in division one, responded through Henry Pugh and James Candlin won prevailed to 12 and 15 respectively.

Llangollen A are setting a hot pace at the top of the table after making if five straight wins when brushing aside Johnstown A 8-2 (151-99). Chirk A are in touching distance in second spot, and kept up the pressure with a valuable 6-4 win away to Johnstown B in which they took the aggregate by nine shots (152-143).

CRIFTINS A slumped 8-2 at home to champions Ceiriog Valley A, losing the shots by seven. Tom Griffiths and Alec Williams notched the home replies to 10 and 11 respectively, while Ceiriog moved second courtesy of the win.

CHURCH C continue to go well in division three with an 8-2 hammering of Glyn Ceiriog B keeping them hard on the heels of the pace-setters, Tony Dart leading the way to eight.

CRIFTINS C, in third, went down 7-3 at FOX LANE for whom Mike Haycocks started with a 21-9 success. Despite wins from Mike Harding and Mike Jones (both to 10) BLACK LION went down 8-2 (24 shots) at Johnstown D.

In division four, IFTON stayed hard on the heels of the leaders after their 8-2 (154-80) beating of LLANYFYLLIN A, Nick Jones winning to three.

Church are on a roll at top of table

CHURCH A are pushing for a swift return to the Oswestry and District Bowling League's top flight after setting an early pace in the second division.

Relegated last season, they have made a strong start this time around with their 9-1 (167-112) beating of CRIFTINS B, putting them four points clear at the top.

Steve Williams continued his good form with a 21-4 win, while Phil Laker weighed in with a 21-5 success. Dave Poole gained a consolation for the Dudleston Heath visitors with a closely fought 21-20 verdict.

WESTON RHYN, who were also relegated last season along with Church A, are going well, and like four points behind in second spot after their 7-3 home beating of Plas Kynaston A in which they took the aggregate by 28 shots (143-128).

Richard Oakley and Andrew Riley both prevailed to six, while skipper Brian Oakley was another single figure winner to nine.

LLANRHAEADR A are up to fifth after overcoming Cynwyd A 6-2 (155-118), Hywel Jones their best of the night with a 21-8 success.

Good wins by John Harrison (21-10) and Michael Dovaston (21-11) helped ELLESMERE A sweep aside WHITTINGTON B 9-1 (166-123) at home.

The Meresiders are now fourth in the table, while the visitors are lying at the foot of the table, one point adrift of YE OLDE CROFTE who came unstuck 9-1 (167-113) at Langyngog A. Paul Edwards (21-10) gained their sole reply.

GEORGE pushed up to mid-table after their solid 7-3 (148-123) victory against visitors CHURCH B.

Peter Kendrick and Andy Knett both won to seven while the Church - for whom - Glenys Jones was their best of the night with a 21-8 verdict - lie third bottom.

Four-midable Glas continue to sparkle

HIGH-FLIERS Cae Glas made it four wins on the trot in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division three after overcoming Much Wenlock by six wickets in a low scoring affair.

After heavy rain in the morning, the encounter at Gatacre was delayed for an hour which made for a 40 overs-a-side match.

The Glas had some rare success by winning the toss, and elected to bowl on a damp wicket that was expected to dry out as the afternoon went on.

John Clarke took two quick wickets to allow the hosts to apply some early pressure, with some excellent bowling supported once again by some fine fielding seeing the visitors bowled out for just 88.

Once again all five bowlers contributed, with key

wicket takers being taken by Gaz Edgerton (4-16), Matt Coulson (3-16) and John Clarke (3-25).

Cae Glas also found batting on the wicket equally as challenging against some tight bowling as they slumped to 27-4 in reply.

However, Tim Morris (38 not out) and Gaz Edgerton (17 not out) batted positively and chased down the runs in the 36th over with six wickets intact.

Next up is a trip to Corvedale on Saturday as the Glas - who are four points clear at the top - look to reel off a fifth straight victory.

ELLESMERE lost ground on the leaders in division two after suffering a five wicket loss at home to Allscott.

After being put in to bat, they were restricted to

165-8, skipper Jonathan Mitchell top scoring with 54 at the top of the order and Max Smith weighing in with 35 not out later on. Jason Summers took 4-47.

Despite a couple of wickets from Fraser Duncan (2-17), Allscott reached their target without too many more alarms with Shaun Rigby unbeaten on 40 and Carl Starling making 38.

GUILDSFIELD maintained their encouraging form in the Shropshire League division four with a convincing winning draw against Wroxeter Grove III.

Opting to bat first, they were bowled out for 197 in a game reduced to 35 overs a side, opener Sam Griffiths the mainstay of the innings with 85.

In reply, Wroxeter were limited to 127-5.

Oswestry win after Morda Road thriller

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

A THRILLING finish saw Oswestry make it four wins out of four in the Birmingham League division two after squeezing past Halesowen with three balls to spare at Morda Road.

With one over to go and eight wickets down, the result was in the balance with former skipper Ian Davies facing the bowling with Oswestry still needing six to win.

But he confidently struck the first ball through the covers for four, before he and Mike O'Reilly scrambled singles off the next couple of deliveries to take the home side to their target in a tense finish.

Skipper Robbie Clarke had asked Halesowen to bat after winning the toss in a game reduced by morning rain to 41 overs a side.

Davies and Sadaf Hussain each picked up an early wicket before a good stand between Ed Kilbee and Hassan Qaumi swung the balance of the hit an unbeaten 97 as the visitors closed on 185-5, with Clarke (2-48) the most successful Oswestry bowler.

Warrick Fynn was again in inspired form when Oswestry replied, and good support at the other end from Xavie Clarke (13), Robbie Clarke (26) and Alun Morris (27) saw Oswestry in control at 127-2.

Then wickets started to tumble, and when Fynn was run out for a fine 82, Halesowen looked the more likely side to win.

But Davies and O'Reilly stayed calm at the end, and Oswestry just edged over the line at 186-5. The game was sponsored by S. Owen and Sons.

It's C&R Hawks away in the next round for Oswestry after they comfortably brushed aside Bridgnorth in the Birmingham League T20 competition at Morda Road a few days before.

Superb opening spells by Roman Walker and Charlie Morris put the visitors under pressure from the start, and at one stage they were 42-8.

They recovered, if that's the word, to 67 all out.

The home side, wearing their new dark-blue kit sponsored by Morgans of Oswestry, soon lost Warrick Fynn when their turn came to bat.

But Alex Ramsay (35no) and Xavie Clarke (24no) saw the Morda Road men through without further mishap inside nine overs.

The C&R Hawks tie must be played by Sunday June 11.

OSWESTRY II were forced to send a weakened side to Bridgnorth II - and it was no surprise when they suffered their first defeat of the season in the Birmingham League 2nd XI second division (north).

Oswestry were restricted to 106-8 and Bridgnorth had little trouble reaching 107-2.

Young tennis players are a hit



Ella Long and Emillie Parsons-Hann have been serving up success for Oswestry Tennis Club

OSWESTRY Team Tennis have served up some early success after entering a team of four girls in this year's 12 & under Aegon Team Tennis tournament.

Two of the girls, Emillie Parsons-Hann and Ella Long, represented the club in the first match away to their Market Drayton counterparts.

Both girls were dominant in

the singles rubbers, playing some great tennis with Emillie winning her match 6-1, 6-0, while Ella did even better with a 6-0, 6-0 whitewash.

Emillie and Ella were also successful in the doubles rubber, winning 6-2, 6-3, to complete an excellent performance.

Captain, and parent Gary Edwards, said: "Both girls played

terrifically well and really did their club proud. The two points gained from this match victory is a great start to the campaign.

Kornelia Kielan and Ellie Edwards will represent Oswestry Team Tennis in the next match, at home to Telford Community Tennis Club, while all four girls will play in the final match, away to Shrewsbury Club.

Oswestry ladies keep up smashing form

TENNIS by John Bridgwater

team performance and with it a fine four rubber victory.

Oswestry Ladies' third team played their first fixture of the season in 6N when they were involved in a 2-2 draw at their Baschurch counterparts.

Both pairs, of acting captain Jo Dalietos and Nicki Hughes, and Rosemary Bennett and Julie Phillips, lost out to the Baschurch first pair 0-6, 1-6 and 2-6, 6-3, 0-1 respectively.

However, both proved too strong for the second pair to take both rubbers 6-0, 7-5 and 6-2, 6-2 to get a very well deserved draw.

They were involved in another 2-2 draw when they played their first home fixture against Hinstock's second team.

Captain Linda Davies had to make a late team change due to injury and stepped in to partner

Amanda Coxed.

Oswestry had an extremely tight first rubber in which they managed to take the first set, but then they lost their momentum and dropped the second set 1-6.

The resulting deciding tie break set was very tense with the Oswestry ladies just losing out 8-10.

The other pair of Jo Dalietos and Nicki Hughes completed their first rubber very quickly in scoring an impressive 6-3 6-2 victory.

In the reverse rubbers, Davies and Coxhead saw off their opponents with a straight sets win for the loss of only three games.

Dalietos and Hughes had a tough fight in the other rubber and, although they were always in contention, the result could have gone either way.

Some impressive volleys from the Hinstock opposition sentenced the Oswestry duo to a 3-6, 4-6 defeat for another draw.

Shropshire Cricket Lge fixtures for the weekend

Saturday

Premier Division

Brosely v Newtown; Quatt v Whitchurch; Market Drayton v Frankton; Madeley v Wem; Worfield v Ludlow; St Georges v Albrighton.

Division One

Knockin & Kinnerley v Alberbury; Montgomery v Forton; Wroxeter Grove v Welshpool; Lilleshall v Bomere Heath; Beacon v Cound; Condoever v Shelton.

Division Two

Church Aston v Ellesmere; Allscott v Wheaton Aston; Willey v Wellington 3; Church Stretton v Pres; Shrewsbury 3 v Pontesbury; Shifnal 3 v Bishop's Castle.

Division Three

St Georges 3 v Calverhall; Chelmarsh v Trysull & Seisdon; Acton Reynald v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank; Corvedale v Cae Glas; Hodnet, Poplew & Tibberton v Harpers; Much Wenlock v Ludlow 3.

Division Four

Overton on Dee v Allscott 2; Hinstock v Oswestry 3; Quayside v Harcourt; Gullsfield v Llandudoch.

Second Teams

Division One

Wem 2 v Madeley 2; Frankton 2 v Wroxeter Grove 2; Whitchurch 2 v Quatt 2; Alberbury 2 v Knockin & Kinnerley 2; Cound 2 v Worfield 2; Shelton 2 v St Georges 2.

Division Two

Bomere Heath 2 v Montgomery 2; Ludlow 2 v Beacon 2; Newtown 2 v Condoever 2; Iscoyd & Fenns Bank 2 v Market Drayton 2; Pontesbury 2 v Brosely 2; Albrighton 2 v Shifnal 4; Wellington 4 v Lilleshall 2; Forton 2 v Willey 2.

Division Three

Allscott 3 v Beacon 3; Cae Glas 2 v Corvedale 2; Ellesmere 2 v St Georges 2; Lilleshall 4 v Quatt 3; Welshpool 2 v Acton Reynald 2; Bishops Castle 2 Much Wenlock 2.

Sunday

Division One

Wem 3 v Wellington 5; Worfield 3 v Bomere Heath 3; Cound 3 v Knockin & Kinnerley 3; Alberbury 3 v Newport 3; Lilleshall 3 v Frankton 3; Whitchurch 3 v Sentinel 3.

Division Two

Wellington 6 v Pontesbury 3; Madeley 3 v Shrewsbury 4; Knockin & Kinnerley 4 v Madeley 4; Bridgnorth 4 v Oswestry 4; Market Drayton 3 v Ludlow 4.

Monty look to find their win groove

MONTGOMERY'S losing start to the Henshalls Shropshire League division one continued as they slipped to a fourth straight defeat when downed by six wickets at Alberbury.

Put in to bat, the first division newcomers failed to build on a promising start as they were bowled out for 181 in the 44th over.

James Corfield top scored with 52 at four while Andrew Barker (37) and Aaron Ruff-Cock (29) also provided useful contributions before the innings faded from 76-2.

Despite two wickets from Corfield in reply, opener Charles Bourne (47), Mark Jones (34) and Daniel Leach (30) guided Alberbury to their target in the 42nd over. Monty picked up seven points, and remain second bottom in the table as they gear up for a big clash against fellow early strugglers Forton on Saturday.

After making a positive start to the season, KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY suffered a jolt after being skittled for 75 at early high fliers Cound in division one.

Frankton left frustrated to low run chase

MID-TABLE Frankton suffered a disappointing low scoring 17-run defeat against Madeley in the Henshalls Shropshire League premier division.

After dismissing their hosts for 114, Stuart Lammie taking 3-14, the Hardwick Park hosts had real hope of pulling off a victory. But, despite an unbeaten 61 from Scott Hale, they were sent back for 97.

It was a better day for FRANKTON II who hammered their Madeley counterparts by 151 runs in the 2nd XI League division one.

Dave Powell hit 108 as Frankton rattled up 245-4. Danny Evans also maintaining the momentum with an unbeaten 73. Madeley made little impression in reply, being rolled over for a meagre 97.

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Llan looking doomed to relegation

LLANFAIR United's relegation fate from the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance appears to have been sealed after Llandudno Junction accepted promotion, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Despite finishing runners-up, the Junction are set to be promoted from the Lock Stock Welsh Alliance after champions Glantraeth were unable to step up.

Llanfair, who finished fourth bottom, had been clinging onto the hope that no side would be promoted from the Welsh Alliance.

However, with Junction's elevation, the Mount Field side are likely to drop back down to the Spar Mid Wales League next season after two years in the Cymru Alliance.

Glantraeth were unable to accept promotion due to the new ground criteria which would require the club to provide a 250 seater stand in the 2018/19 season.

Llandudno Junction will join Welsh National League winners Queens Park and Spar Mid Wales League champions Rhayader Town in the Cymru Alliance next season.

Junction narrowly finished second in the Welsh Alliance League division one, just edging out Llangefni Town on goals scored.

All promotion and relegation issues will be confirmed when the league holds its annual meeting on Saturday, June 10.

*Andy Ford took two accolades at GUILDSFIELD'S end of season presentation night - landing the manager's player and players' player honours. The first team supporters player was Sam Litchfield.

For the reserves, Phil Turnbull was the manager's player of the season, and Jon Gamble the players' player.

The Guils, meanwhile, finished third bottom in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance attendance charts, with an average crowd of 99, and a best of 250.

Powys neighbours Llanfair United were two places above, averaging 103 with a best of 174.

On-a-roll Roberts has high five wins

LEIGHTON Roberts chalked up his fifth win of the season after producing a player of the night performance to help Ifton to a 9-5 home victory against Bowring.

A closely fought encounter saw the St Martins side prevail by 25 shots (234-209) to move up a couple of places to eighth in the table.

And they will look for another solid display when they return to the road away to mid-table rivals Burway on Friday night with their south Shropshire hosts lying one place and two points above.

While Roberts produced the best result of the night when defeating Robert Roden 21-9, Darren Lacey was also in winning form with a 21-16 verdict - his sixth victory of the campaign.

Although there was just a second defeat of the season for Nicky Jones, when downed 21-16 by Bowring's player of the night Keiran Buckley, he remains remains top of Ifton's averages with six wins.

Harrison wins hat-trick of boss awards

THE New Saints boss Craig Harrison has been named the Welsh Premier's manager of the season for a third year in a row at the annual awards night in Newport.

Harrison led the Saints to an 11th league crown, and sixth in succession, as well as the Nathaniel MG Cup, while his side were also beaten Welsh Cup finalists.

The champions, who finished 27 points clear of their nearest rivals, also set a world record of 27 consecutive wins during the campaign, eclipsing Dutch giants Ajax's previous best set in 1971-72.

Harrison beat off competition from Andy Morrison, manager of runners-up Gap Connah's

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Quay, and Bala Town's Colin Caton, whose side finished third as well as defeating TNS 2-1 in the Welsh Cup final.

Huw Griffiths, whose Cefn Druids side defied the odds in securing Welsh Premier survival, was the other nominee.

Already winner of the Welsh Premier's Golden Boot, Newtown marksman Jason Oswell capped a terrific season by being named as the league's player of the season.

He beat off the challenge from TNS midfielder

Jon Routledge and Bangor City's Henry Jones.

Oswell, 24, scored 22 goals during the campaign as the Robins reached the play-offs.

Winner of the young player of the season award was Henry Jones, who scored 10 goals from 27 starts during his first season in the league with Bangor City after being released by Premiership club Swansea City.

Meanwhile, TNS have dominated the Welsh Premier team of the season with seven players selected by the league's managers. Simon Spender, Steven Saunders, Chris Marriott, Jon Routledge, Ryan Brobbel and Adrian Cieslewicz all make the starting 11, with Jamie Mullan on the bench.

Welshpool seek more of the same

WELSHPOOL look to consolidate their place among the leading pack in the Hanshalls Shropshire League division one in Saturday's trip to Wroxeter Grove.

Newly promoted this season, Pool are lying a creditable fifth after notching a second win when prevailing by four wickets against Lilleshall to pick up 21 points.

Opening bowler Joe Monk took 4-20 off nine overs and Robert Anderson 4-15 off 13 overs as Lilleshall were bowled out for 141 in 44.5 overs at Maesydre.

Tom Anderson chipped in with the other two victims, while the main resistance came from Oli Todd who hit 55.

In reply, Pool got home thanks to Paul Chapman's 33 and Tom Anderson, who weighed in with 32.

After four defeats since their elevation to the first division, second bottom MONTGOMERY chase a first win at home to fellow strugglers Forton who lie one place above.

Knockin and Kinnerley, shot out for just 75 against Count last week, bid to shrug off their batting woes when they welcome Alberbury in the same division.

Early leaders CAE GLAS look to make it five successive wins when they head to struggling Corvedale in division three.

GUILDSFIELD host Llandiloies in division four, aiming to consolidate their place among the leading pack.

Elsewhere, Ellesmere welcome Church Aston in division two as they bid to shake off last week's five wicket defeat to Allscott.

Frankton are away to Market Drayton as they also look to get back on track following their low scoring reverse against Madeley.

COBRA join Pool in a rugby restructure

UNDER the proposed league restructure, Powys rivals COBRA and Welshpool will both be in the North Wales division two (north) next season.

They will be joined in the 12-team league by Abergele, Denbigh, Shotton Steel, Llangollen, Wrexham, Llandiloies, Harlech, Rhyl, Newtown and Bangor.

The new leagues have been proposed by the WRU, with clubs having until Friday to air their views.

Meanwhile, Welshpool and COBRA's second string come face to face in the final of the Cambrian Training Mid Wales Shield at Llandiloies on Saturday (1pm).

Newtown then take on Llandiloies in the final of the Mid Wales Cup with the kick off at 3.15pm.

COBRA held their annual dinner and presentation night at the Wynnstey Hotel in Oswestry. First team player of the year was Hywel Jones and players' player went to Iwan Vaughan.

The young player of the season was Ed Davies, while Bryn Davies was most improved player and Harry Jukes the leading try scorer.

Grace Hill was the ladies player of the year, and Ffion Williams the players' player. Club person of the year was Katy Watkin.

OSWESTRY AIM FOR HIGH FIVE

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

EARLY pacesetters Oswestry look to make it high fives as they bid to extend their best start to the Birmingham Cricket League in Saturday's second division trip to Old Hill (noon).

After flirting with relegation last term, the Morda Road men have got off to a flier, and notched their fourth consecutive win with a thrilling two wicket success at home to Hale-sowen. The victory, with just three balls to spare, sees them lying joint top with Fordhouses who also maintained their winning start with a tight one wicket verdict against Harborne.

Last Saturday's success showed there is little between the top and bottom sides in the league, and captain Robbie Clarke knows the early leaders cannot afford an off-day as they head to the West Midlands this weekend.

"We got home by the skin of our teeth last week," he said. "We should have made it a bit easier for ourselves, but a win is a win and it keeps up the momentum."

"These were the sort of games we were losing last year, but we have shown a winning mentality this season. We now need to build on this as it is only a start."

"In this league, everyone is capable of beating anyone else, so we have to be on our game every week."

Old Hill are lying in the lower half of the table after being frustrated by the weather last weekend when their clash with Pershore was abandoned just 4.1 overs bowled. But the Cradley Heath side sounded a warning the week before when hammering C&R Hawks by 131 runs.

"Old Hill have come down from division one this season, they have lost a couple of players, but it is going to be another tough game," added Clarke.

"We've got two or three of our big players back for Saturday, so we've got to make some tough decisions over who to leave out."

"That's the way it's going to be this season. Not everyone's going to be able to play every week, and we're going to need a pool of about 15 players who we are going to play their part."

Flag day for Oswestry pupils



Daniel Haycocks and Victoria Raffle who have qualified for the Midlands Championship

TWO golfers from Oswestry School have qualified for the Midlands Schools Golf Championship to be played at Ingon Manor Golf Club, Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Third form pupil Dan Haycocks and sixth former Victoria Raffle progressed through to the next round of championships after beating off the stiff challenge of over 60 young golfers at Arcscott Golf Club, Shrewsbury. Haycocks completed his round with a gross

75, net 69, while Raffle scored a gross 80, net 76.

The school's head of sport, Dominic Bradburne, commented: "We are extremely proud of our pupils' achievements and the department is thrilled to be able to support Dan and Victoria in the Midlands Championship."

"We wish them luck and hope they qualify to go forward to the next stage of the competition."

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